

Inaugural Sanfey Essay Prize 2021



Deadline: Fri 4th June | 5pm

The committee of the Construction Bar Association is pleased to announce its inaugural essay competition, named in honour of one of the founders of the Association, Mr. Justice Mark Sanfey.

The competition is open to all disciplines, including practitioners and academics, and the committee would particularly welcome entries from third-level and postgraduate students of the various programmes on construction law and practice in Ireland.

Essay topics should relate to construction law. Possible topics could be drawn from standard form contracts, performance securities, insurance, forms of dispute resolution in construction, issues arising in practice, and legal issues considered in recent caselaw, whether of the Irish courts or internationally.

The judging panel will be appointed by the CBA committee and will be chaired by our esteemed member Anthony Hussey, formerly a Partner in Hussey Fraser, and now of Anthony Hussey ADR Limited.

The winner of the **First Prize** will be awarded **€1,000**, and will be invited to present their paper at a meeting of the Construction Bar Association.

The panel will also award a **Second Prize** of **€500**, and will present the authors of up to two papers recognised as 'Highly Commended' with a copy of Anthony Hussey's Construction Adjudication in Ireland.

The authors of winning and highly commended entries will be invited to submit summaries of their papers for the CBA Periodical, with the full papers to be published in the CBA Codex of papers delivered at CBA Annual Conferences and Tech Talks.

The Judging Panel will allocate marks as follows:

- **40%** of the marks will be allocated in respect of the topic and themes considered in the paper, in terms of range, relevance, originality and relevance to law and/or practice;
- **40%** of the marks will be allocated in respect of the quality and depth of the analysis and discussion of the topic;
- **20%** will be allocated in respect of presentation, clarity of language used, structure, citation and referencing. Entrants should follow the OSCOLA citation style for any referencing and citations.

Entries must be original and not previously published in any format. The award of prizes or commendations is at the discretion of the CBA through its judging panel. Entries must not exceed 5,000 words (excluding footnotes). Entrants should not put their names (or their firm's name) anywhere on their entry.

Entries should be in pdf format, sent by email to cba@lawlibrary.ie, with the subject line 'CBA Essay Competition', no later than **5pm on Friday, 4 June 2021**, and with the author's name and telephone number in the body of the email.