Law reform essay competition 2025 Application form

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Personal details

Name:   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone number:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Details of eligibility to enter

(select as appropriate)

a) I’m a pupil barrister

b) I have received a pupillage offer

c) I’m undertaking the vocational component of Bar training

d) I’m undertaking an integrated academic and vocational course for the Bar

e) I’m actively seeking pupillage having completed the vocational component (including, for example, the Bar course, the Bar/barrister training course/the Bar practice course, the Bar vocational course, Bar vocational studies or Bar professional training course) within the last 5 years

Details of training

If (a), (b), (c) or (d) applies, please answer the following:

Name of AETO, chambers or employer:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Address of AETO, chambers or employer:   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Name and email address of academic /pupil supervisor that we can contact to confirm eligibility:  
Click or tap here to enter text.

If (e) applies, you are actively seeking pupillage, please answer the following:

Name of AETO:   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of completion:   
Click or tap to enter a date.

Please send us a copy of your Bar training certificate with your essay entry and application form.

If you have completed the vocational component but haven’t received your certificate, please complete the previous section instead.

Confirmation

Please tick the practice area your essay relates to most..

Chancery/commercial

Criminal

Employment

Family

Human rights

Financial

International/EU

Public law (including parliamentary, administrative and constitutional law)

Medical negligence/personal injury

Environment

Intellectual property

Technology

Other (please specify):   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Confirm the word count of your essay:  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Confirm the title of your essay:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Declaration

I confirm that the essay I am submitting to the Law reform essay competition 2025 is my sole creation and original work. I have read and understood the rules around the use of AI

I confirm that I have read and understood the [plagiarism policy](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/static/c9000085-c725-4ac6-a7f93c4dd4c3117c/law-reform-essay-competition-plagiarism-policy.pdf)

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I confirm that I have read and understood the [essay competition rules](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/becoming-a-barrister/i-am-a-university-student-or-graduate/law-reform-essay-competition/eligibility-criteria-and-essay-rules.html)

Double click below to add your signature and the date signed (date is added automatically)



What next

Once you’ve completed your essay, please check you have read all the necessary documents. Please then submit your essay and application form and any accompanying documents to [lawreform@barcouncil.org.uk](mailto:lawreform@barcouncil.org.uk) by 5.00pm on 23 October 2025.

If you choose to do so, please also complete the [equal opportunities monitoring form](https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4CGD-12O6/law-reform-essay-competition-equality-and-diversity-monitoring-form-2025).