

## **Call for entries for Nygh and Brennan prizes in International Law**

The International Law Association (Australian Branch) is calling for submissions for the Nygh Prize in Private International Law and the Brennan Prize in Public International Law. The closing date for submission of entries is 22 December 2009. Entries should be submitted by email only to the President of the Australian Branch, Dr Christopher Ward, at [cward@12thfloor.com.au](mailto:cward@12thfloor.com.au).

These two prizes, named in honour of the late Dr Peter Nygh, a leading Australian scholar of private international law, and Sir Gerard Brennan, former Chief Justice of Australia and Patron of the Branch, are awarded to the authors of essays in the field of Private International Law (Conflict of Laws) and Public International Law, respectively, which demonstrate outstanding scholarship and make a distinct contribution to an understanding of the subject. The prize is open to any Australian citizen, or person normally resident or studying in Australia. The competition is intended to recognize and encourage achievement by a student, or younger scholar or practitioner of law. Essays submitted for consideration for the Prize should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words in length, and written in 2009. They may have been submitted previously for course credit in an academic institution. Essays which comprise an answer to a hypothetical problem question are not eligible.

The full conditions for each award appear below. For more information about the Australian Branch of the ILA, see <http://www.ila.org.au/>.

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### **THE NYGH PRIZE FOR PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

1. A prize was established in 2006 by the International Law Association (Australian Branch) to honour the memory of one of its most distinguished members, the Hon. Peter Edward Nygh, AM, LL.D. The prize is awarded annually for an essay in the field of Private International Law (Conflict of Laws). Dr. Nygh was himself a distinguished scholar in that field and the author of a leading text book that has served the legal profession and law students for many years.
2. The prize is awarded for an essay in the field of Private International Law (Conflict of Laws) which, in the opinion of a jury of three persons appointed by the Association, demonstrates outstanding scholarship and makes a distinct contribution to an understanding of the subject. In their discretion the jury may decide that no entry merits an award. The decision of the jury shall be final.

3. Essays submitted for consideration for the Prize should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words in length. They may have been submitted previously for course credit in an academic institution. They should be submitted by email to the President of the Australian Branch, Dr Christopher Ward, at [cward@12thfloor.com.au](mailto:cward@12thfloor.com.au). Entries must be received not later than 22 December 2009. The results will be announced no later than 1 April 2010 on the ILA web site, [www.ila.org.au](http://www.ila.org.au). The winners will be notified by email.

4. The essay must be the sole creation and original work of the entrant. No person may submit more than one entry for each annual competition.

5. The prize is open to any Australian citizen, or person normally resident in Australia or studying in Australia. The competition is intended to recognize and encourage achievement by a younger scholar or practitioner of law.

6. The prize will be in the form of a certificate, a year's membership of the International Law Association, and cash in the amount of \$300.

7. The winner will be encouraged to submit the winning entry to the Australian International Law Journal for publication. The award does not guarantee that it will be published in the *Journal*.

#### **THE SIR GERARD BRENNAN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW ESSAY PRIZE**

1. An essay prize was established in 2006 by the International Law Association (Australian Branch), on the initiative of the Queensland Chapter of the Branch, to foster the study of international law in Australia. It is named for the Honourable Sir Gerard Brennan, AC, KBE, the patron of the Branch and a former Chief Justice of Australia.

2. The prize is awarded for an essay in the field of public international law which, in the opinion of a judging panel of three persons appointed by the Management Committee of the Australian Branch of the International Law Association, demonstrates outstanding scholarship and makes a distinct contribution to an understanding of the subject. The decision of the panel shall be final.

3. The prize is open to any Australian citizen, or person normally resident in Australia, or studying in Australia. The competition is intended to recognise and encourage achievement by a younger scholar or practitioner.

4. The prize will be in the form of a certificate, a year's membership of the International Law Association, and cash in the amount of \$300.

3. Essays submitted for consideration for the Prize should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words in length. They may have been submitted previously for course credit in an academic institution. They should be submitted by email to the President of the Australian Branch, Dr Christopher Ward, at [cward@12thfloor.com.au](mailto:cward@12thfloor.com.au). Entries must be received not later than 22 December 2009. The results will be announced no later than 1 April 2010 on the ILA web site, [www.ila.org.au](http://www.ila.org.au). The winners will be notified by email.

6. The essay must be the sole creation and original work of the entrant. No person may submit more than one entry for each annual competition.

7. The winner will be encouraged to submit the winning entry to the *Australian International Law Journal* for publication. The award does not guarantee that it will be published in the *Journal*.