



3RD EAST AFRICA YOUNG LAWYERS CONFERENCE BEST ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITION

Call for Submissions

The East Africa Law Society (EALS) is arguably the largest professional body of lawyers in Africa. It is made up of Bar Associations from member states in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zanzibar, Rwanda and Burundi. The year 2016 marked great strides for young lawyers of the EALS. Under the auspices of the EALS Young Lawyers Committee, the inaugural East Africa Young Lawyers Conference (EAYLC) was held in Tanzania. The inaugural EAYLC was a success that culminated into having the EAYLC in 2017.

In 2017, the EAYLC developed the "Best Essay Prize Competition" in order to award young lawyers who would wish to participate in the EAYLC; but experience financial difficulties in doing so. Again, like its predecessor, EAYLC 2017 was a success that saw several young lawyers get sponsorship under the Best Essay Prize Competition.

Against this backdrop, EALS cordially invites its members to participate in the 2018 East Africa Young Lawyers Conference, Best Essay Competition.

Outstanding applicants from member states will be awarded a prize. The overall winner will also have an opportunity to present their essay at the EAYLC 2018 to be held on 29th November 2018 at Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort, Mombasa, Kenya.

Best Essay Prize:

The Best Essay Prize will be awarded to the most outstanding individual. The Prize comprises of:

- (a) Travel and accommodation costs to the EAYLC 2018 for the overall winner;
- (b) Certificates of Participation to the top three essays from individuals of EALS member states; and
- (c) Waiver of EAYLC conference fees in (a) and (b) above.

Moreover, one best entry from each bar will get recognition.

Eligibility

The competition is open to applicants who meet the following criteria: -

- Must be a 'young lawyer' being a lawyer up to the age of 35 years at the time of the Conference;
- A citizen of any of the EALS member states; and
- Must hold a law degree and be admitted to practice as an advocate in their respective jurisdiction as at the time of the conference.
- Employees of the East Africa Law Society secretariat and their relatives are excluded from the competition.
- Past winners are not eligible to participate in the competition.

Submission Guidelines

1. The Essay is to be submitted in the following format:
 - Typed in English;
 - Double Lined spaced;
 - Maximum 1500 words excluding footnotes or the bibliography; and
 - PDF format
2. Essays must be original, independent and unpublished works that will not be and are not under consideration; for any commercial contract by any publishing house. The author warrants his or her unrestricted copyright to the essay submitted.
3. The EAYLC Essay Committee shall judge the essay primarily on originality, style, logic, research and overall quality of the content.
4. The decision of the EAYLC Essay Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered to regarding the outcome of the results.
5. The EALS has the right to publish a selection of the essays submitted, including but not limited to the winning essay (either in full or extracts thereof) this includes publication in the conference document and the EALS website.
6. Prize winners shall be requested to write a short report on their experiences and the EALS reserves the right to publish such reports.

How to apply

Entrants must submit:

1. A completed application form (see attached). Please save this with your name as the filename.
2. An Essay via email to ylc@ealawsociety.org using the subject line EAYLC ESSAY COMPETITION. The essay file must be submitted as a PDF document and saved using the following format:
FAMILY NAME, FIRST NAME INITIAL (COUNTRY). e.g. If the applicant is submitting an essay from UGANDA the subject line on email will be EAYLC ESSAY COMPETITION. The essay file saved as pdf and named NABWELA(Uganda)

Entries submitted without following the above guidelines will not be considered. Any missing information will lead to automatic disqualification.

The **deadline** for entries is 16.00 (GMT) on **Monday 10th September 2018**. Entries received after this deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions about the competition, please email us at:- ylc@ealawsociety.org. Feedback on the winners shall be announced on or before **30th October 2018**.

Essay Question

Professor Leon C. Megginson in a speech delivered in 1963 at a social science convention in Louisiana State University stated:

"Yes, change is the basic law of nature. But the changes wrought by the passage of time affects individuals and institutions in different ways. According to Darwin's Origin of Species, it is not the most intellectual of the species that survives. It is not the strongest that survives. The species that survives is the one that is able best to adapt and adjust to the changing environment in which it finds itself."

In light of the above, discuss the challenges and opportunities for legal practice in the East African Community(EAC) posed by either ONE of the following change agents:

- a) Technology and its effect on legal practice; or
- b) Disruptive Technology and its effect on businesses.

Good Luck!

EAYLC Essay Committee



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Essay Application Form

All questions on this form must be answered.

Any missing information or details may render your submission invalid.

Your answers on this form may be **TYPED** or **HAND WRITTEN**.

You must submit this application form and your accompanying essay in one email to ylc@ealawsociety.org before the deadline of **1600 hours (GMT) on Monday 10 September 2018**

* Personal details:

First/given name

Family name

Age at date of application submission:

Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):

Male /Female:

Nationality:

Country of residence:

Home address

City_ Country _____

Postal/Zip code_ Tel _____

Email

* Licensing/eligibility to practice law/practice status/employment:

Currently practicing Non-practicing, licensed:

Date of licensing:

Years of practice _____

Areas of practice

Countries admitted to practice

Offices held with any national/local professional law association

I confirm that I am not an employee of the EALS or relative of the above

I confirm that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of Scholarship Participation, and the Eligibility Criteria of this scholarship as outlined in the Essay Poster containing the Essay Question
Yes /No:

Applicant Signature

Date _____

I confirm that I have read and understood the instructions for submitting my application and supporting essay to the EAYLC. I am aware of the deadline, the essay topic and format requirements for my submission.
Yes/No:

Applicant Signature

Date _____

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