YOUNG LAWYERS

Law Institute Victoria

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE KING OF ALL SPEECHES?

THE 2012 VICTORIAN

GOLDEN GAVEL

CALL FOR COMPETITORS

LIV Young Lawyers' is proud to present the annual Victorian Golden Gavel Competition.

The Golden Gavel Competition provides an opportunity for young lawyers to combine their wit and public speaking skills. The winning entrant will have the opportunity to represent Victoria in the National Golden Gavel Competition.

ENTER NOW!

LIMITED TO FIRST 10 ENTRIES

What's involved?

Participants have only 24 hours to prepare a 5 minute presentation on a randomly allocated and humerous topic. Entries are limited and only one entry per firm is permitted.

Competitors will be judged on their verbal skills, quick it and humour by a panel of eminent jodges. The winner will go on to represent their firm and Victoria in the National Golden Gavel competition in South Australia later in the year.

2011 Results:

Winner:
Nick Russell, King & Wood Mallesons – 10 tips to succeed in law without really trying

Runner Up:
Daniel Kinsey, Allens Arthur Robinson – Creative charges: The magical art of time recording

Nick went on to be crowned National Golden Gavel champion while Daniel was awarded the people's choice award at the 2011 National Competition.

WHEN
Thursday 16 August, 6 – 8.30pm

WHERE
CQ Functions
113 Queen Street, Melbourne

COST (INC GST)
$150 per entry (one entry per firm)
Competitors **must** be Young Lawyers' Section members

ENTER BY
Friday, 13 July

INQUIRIES
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PRIZES

The Victorian Winner

- Represents Victoria at the **National Golden Gavel competition** 2012
- Free registration to **Young Lawyers Conference**, 14 September 2012
- $100 Myer voucher
- Winner's trophy

Victorian Runner-Up

- $100 LIV Bookshop voucher
- Free registration to an LIV Presidents Leadership Lunch

All competitors

- A free Young Lawyers' CPD Program voucher
- Participant's certificate

Competition Guidelines

Participants must be Young Lawyers' Section (YLS) members and firms are only able to enter one participant. Tertiary students are not eligible to enter. Participants will be provided with their topic at 5pm on Wednesday 15 August, 2012.

Contestants will be critiqued against the following criteria:

Content

40% of your points are awarded for humour.

The aim of the Golden Gavel is to give an entertaining speech. You are welcome to be risqué but encouraged not to be offensive – use your discretion and common sense.

30% of your points are awarded for cleverness and originality.

Show you are informed about your topic: whether it concerns the local legal profession, high court judgments, international politics, or life in the law – do a bit of research and ask other people for their thoughts.

Remember your audience will be mostly lawyers and the judging panel is made up of senior members of the profession.

Your topic is a starting point. You can interpret it any way you wish. While you will not be assessed on how closely you stick to the topic, you must make a genuine attempt to devise a speech that relates to your topic.

Performance

30% points are awarded for your performance.

We don't expect you to sing and dance but think about how you can use your voice and body language effectively. You are welcome to use props if you want, but don't let any props distract from your performance. A lectern and microphone will be available for use.

You don't have to memorise your speech and are welcome to use notes. However, it is generally true that you get an audience's attention better with eye contact than by staring down at your notes.

It is a good idea to do at least one or two rehearsals of your speech in front of another person. Not only will this allow you to check that it's the right length (you speak at a different speed when reading aloud to yourself than when you deliver a speech to an audience), you can think about how you can perform it more effectively, and try out what works and what doesn't. A speech on paper is only a script – it is not a performance.

Technical Information

Stick to the time limit.

You should aim to speak for approximately five (5) minutes. A warning bell will chime once at 4 minutes; warning bell will chime three times at 5 minutes and at 6 minutes onwards it will ring continuously. If you are still speaking at 6 minutes then 5 points will be deducted from your score. For every 30 seconds you are speaking after that, a further 5 points will be deducted from your score.

REGISTRATION/TAX INVOICE *MANDATORY FIELDS

ENTER BY FRIDAY, 13 JULY

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Entry Fee	◯ $150

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