



CORNWALL STREET
BARRISTERS

CIVIL LAW
COMPETITION
2020

Eligibility Criteria
and
General Rules

ELIGIBILITY

Please read the below information. If you have any questions about eligibility please email competition@cornwallstreet.co.uk

1. The Participant must be enrolled on or have commenced or completed the LL.B or GDL.
2. Those who have obtained an offer of pupillage, or have commenced pupillage, are not eligible.
3. The Participant must be able to commit appropriate time. Please read the General Rules for an overview of the competition content.
4. The Participant must be proficient in written and spoken English.
5. There is no requirement for Participants to be domiciled in the UK; however, subject to the situation in respect of Covid-19 the final round may be held in person in the UK.
6. The Participant must have access to Zoom Video Conferencing.

GENERAL RULES

These Rules will be supplemented by specific rules for each round.

1. The competition will consist of the following rounds:
 - a. Written exercise;
 - b. Oral application by single Participants;
 - c. Cross-examination by single Participants;
 - d. Final round Court of Appeal/Supreme Court moot with skeleton arguments.
2. The rounds as set out above may be amended, added to, or removed at the sole discretion of the competition organiser for the purpose of ensuring a fair and proper competition.
3. Where documents are required they must be emailed to competition@cornwallstreet.co.uk by 4pm on the date provided within the Round Rules.
4. Where a skeleton argument is required, it must be emailed to competition@cornwallstreet.co.uk by 4pm 7 days before the hearing to which it relates. This date will be confirmed to the Participant when an appointed time for the oral exercise is provided.
5. Any skeleton argument which is late will score 0 for that element of the marking. The Participant will be able to refer to the skeleton argument during the oral exercise to prevent any double negative marking.
6. All Participants in the first round will be provided with the General Rules, the Round Rules, the Participants' Guide, and Marking Criteria at the same time and are expected to be familiar with the same. For any subsequent rounds the Participants will be provided with the Round Rules and the Marking Criteria only.

7. All judges will be provided with the Judges' Guide, the General Rules, the Round Rules and the Marking Criteria when agreeing to judge that round of the competition. If the judge has assisted in a previous round, he or she will be provided with the Round Rules and the Marking Criteria only.
8. Everyone must act with respect towards other participants and the judges. Any negative behaviour will be referred to the competition organiser by the judge and anyone found to have acted inappropriately will be penalised, either by reduction in marks or exclusion from the competition depending on the severity of the action of the Participant. There will be no right of appeal.
9. Any concerns or complaints to be raised with the competition organiser via email to competition@cornwallstreet.co.uk and will be treated confidentially.
10. Any clarification provided to one Participant/team, or part of a team, will be provided to all teams and judges.
11. The time limits will be set out in the Round Rules. Points will be deducted for being significantly under or over the time limit, as set out in the Round Rules.
12. The Round Rules will carry the same weight as the General Rules.
13. During the oral advocacy exercises, the outcome of the legal question will be considered separately from the winner of the exercise, which will be based on the marking criteria.
14. The result of the legal question of the oral exercises will be decided by the judge as part of the exercise.
15. The result of the competition element will be provided within 48 hours of the end of the exercise, via email.

16. All written documents must be produced in Times New Roman, size 12, justified text. The format of the document will be taken into account in respect of the marking. Example documents will be provided within the Participant Guide.

17. All data will be held, processed, and destroyed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.