Medico-Legal Society of Victoria Essay Competition

The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria would like to invite final year students studying Law or Medicine to enter an essay competition. The topic of the essay is:

‘Law, marching with medicine but in the rear and limping a little[1]’ - Medical advances and the law.

The competition is an excellent opportunity for final year students to gain access to a professional organisation prior to completion of their degrees and the opportunity to meet and learn from professionals in their field.

The competition will close on 30 May 2017. Essays should be between 1500 and 2000 words in length and should be sent or emailed to:

The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria
Secretariat
Ms Lee Evans
PO Box 17
Teesdale, VIC 3328 or
mlsv@mlsv.org.au

Two winners, one final year law student and one final year medical student, will be announced at the AGM to be held on Saturday, 29 July 2017.

The Prize for each winner will be:

• membership of the Medico-Legal Society and a 12 month subscription to the Medico-Legal Society;
• Tickets (for the prize winner and a guest) to 6 Meetings including Dinner and Drinks for the year[2] (Meetings are usually held at the Melbourne Club).

Total Prize value is approximately $1,950.00 per Prize winner.

The prizes will be judged by eminent members of the medical profession (for the medical student prize) and the legal profession (for the law student prize).

The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria

The objectives of the society are the promotion of medico-legal knowledge and the fostering of professional and collegiate scholarship and interaction among members of the medical and legal professions. This is achieved by facilitating the exchange of ideas and information at general meetings held about six times per year. Persons of eminence in their field are invited to the meetings to deliver papers of mutual interest to the two professions.

Competition Rules

- Entrants must be in their final year of a degree in law (LLB or JD) or medicine (MBBS).
- Entries must be unpublished essays, which are the original work of the author.
- Entries should be between 1500 and 2000 words.
- Each entry should be accompanied by a separate detached page giving the author’s name and contact details and a short biography. No identification of the author should appear on the entry itself.
- Entrants should keep a copy of the entry, as no entries will be returned.
- The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges will retain the discretion not to award the Prize.
- Three copies of each entry should be submitted by mail (or one copy by email), typed, double-spaced and on A4 paper.
- The winning entry will be published on the website of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria at www.mlsv.org
- Closing date for entries is Friday, 30 May 2017.