

The John McLaren Emerson QC Essay Prize 2024



The Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand Inc. is pleased to announce its 2024 competition for an essay on a topic of the author's choice regarding intellectual property.

1st Prize of the *John McLaren Emerson QC Essay Prize* will comprise the sum of AU\$5,000 plus complimentary registration at the IPSANZ **37th Annual Conference** scheduled to be held over the weekend of **30 August to 1 September 2024** including two nights' accommodation at the Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, New Zealand, and a return economy airfare from within Australia or New Zealand to the Conference.

2nd Prize will comprise the sum of AU\$3,000 plus complimentary registration at the IPSANZ 37th Annual Conference, including two nights' accommodation at the Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, New Zealand.

3rd Prize will comprise the sum of AU\$2,000 plus complimentary registration at the IPSANZ 37th Annual Conference, including two nights' accommodation at the Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, New Zealand.

It is intended that the Prize winners will be announced and presented at the Conference. The winning entry will be published in *Intellectual Property Forum*, the official journal of IPSANZ.

COMPETITION RULES

- Entries must be unpublished essays, which are the original work of the author. Entries should be between 5,000 and 10,000 words (including endnotes).
- Entries should be substantive works displaying original thinking in an area of intellectual property of the author's choice. A maximum of two co-authors is permitted for entries. In the case of co-authors, the prize is to be shared between the authors. A maximum of two entries per author or pair of co-authors is allowed.
- Endnotes must appear at the end of the essay. Entries should include a summary of the essay (50-100 words). Authors should keep a copy of the entry, as no entries will be returned.
- A copy of each entry should be submitted electronically (in Word format).
- 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.
- Upon entry, each author warrants and represents that it agrees to accept and abide by the Competition Rules, that it is the author of the original work, and that the author is of good repute.
- The decision of the judging panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judging panel will retain the discretion not to award the Prize and, in any year, may decline to award the first, second and/or third prize as it sees fit. No feedback or reasons will be provided. Non-compliance with the Competition Rules will result in automatic disqualification.
- Airfares, accommodation and entry to the IPSANZ Conference are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. In the case of a winning entry from a country other than Australia or New Zealand a monetary contribution representing the cost of a return economy airfare from Sydney to Queenstown, New Zealand where the Conference is being held, will be made.
- No extensions of the closing date for entries will be granted to anyone under any circumstances.
- Closing date for entries is **Monday, 13 May 2024, 11.59pm AEST.**

Entries should be sent to:

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