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Legal Essay Competition 2010

“Focus on human rights and the rights of the individual”

Papers are welcome from all NSW undergraduate law students

Prizes!

- ◆ **\$1,000 cash prize** kindly donated by Stacks//Goudkamp Lawyers
- ◆ Full year's membership of the Australian Lawyers Alliance
- ◆ A Certificate of Achievement
- ◆ Publication of the winning essay in the industry journal, *Precedent*
- ◆ The opportunity to mingle with influential members of the legal profession who may be potential future employers
- ◆ 10 runners up will receive a full year's student membership of the Australian Lawyers Alliance

Topics:

Topic 1: “In the United States, at present there is a debate concerning health care reform. President Obama has indicated that health care reform may include a consideration of tort reform. Do you consider that there is a link between health care reform and tort reform?” Discuss.

Topic 2: “The case of Dr Haneef confirms that it is important in a liberal democratic society to have a free press. Dr Haneef's case clearly demonstrates that a free press is of greater significance to the protection of the rights of individuals than a bill of rights. Do you agree?” Discuss.

Topic 3: “There has been considerable debate concerning mandatory sentencing and truth in sentencing. The benefit of mandatory sentencing is that the punishment of an offender is known and truth in sentencing creates reassurance in members of the public of criminal punishment. Do you agree?” Discuss.

