

Business Law Section

Baxt Prize

Scholarship entries close at 5pm, 30 August 2018 AEST.

About

The Baxt Prize honours the contribution of Professor Robert ('Bob') Baxt AO to business law in Australia. The 2018 Baxt Prize will be awarded for a research paper of outstanding quality dealing with any aspect of penalties in corporate and commercial regulation. The value of the Baxt Prize is \$7500.00.

The Baxt Prize recognises Professor Baxt's longstanding involvement with, and commitment to, the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (BLS). Professor Baxt was a founding member of the BLS, served on three BLS committees (chairing two of them), served as an Executive member for more than 30 years, and was the Section Chairman from 2001 – 2003. Professor Baxt was instrumental in creating the annual Competition Workshop which is, and has been for some years, the pre-eminent workshop in this field in Australia.

Professor Baxt practised and published extensively in the fields of trade practices, corporate law and taxation law, and had a longstanding commitment to legal education. After serving as Dean of Law at Monash University from 1980 – 1988 and Chairman of the Australian Trade Practices Commission from 1988 – 1991, Professor Baxt was a partner of Allens from 1991 – 2004 and a partner (later Emeritus Partner) of Herbert Smith Freehills from 2005 – 2017. He was also a professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne, Chairman of the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the founder and general editor of the Australian Business Law Review and the Company and Securities Law Journal.

Professor Baxt was a recipient of the Centenary Medal and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2003 for services to law.

Throughout the many phases of his extensive legal career in academia, administration and practice, Professor Baxt held a deep interest in the professional development of young lawyers.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted on an official application form obtained [online](#). Please submit applications to BLS Administrator, Jane Bacot-Kilpatrick, via email: Jane.Bacot-Kilpatrick@lawcouncil.asn.au or phone: (02) 6246 3737.



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Conditions of Entry

1. Applications for the Baxt Prize may be made by anyone under the age of 35.
2. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the BLS Executive in its discretion.
3. The Baxt Prize will be awarded to the writer of a paper of publishable quality that in the view of the judging panel best meets the judging criteria. If entries are not judged to be of a publishable standard, the judging panel may decide not to award the Prize.
4. To apply for the 2018 Baxt Prize, applicants will need to submit an unpublished paper of no more than 10 000 words on the topic of 'penalties in corporate and commercial regulation'.
5. Papers will be judged by a panel which will be appointed by the BLS Executive. The panel will be drawn from the Judiciary, BLS Committees, academia, and other relevant institutions or bodies.
6. As a condition of accepting the Baxt Prize, the author of the winning paper should be prepared to deliver the paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the BLS. Any invitation to the author to deliver the winning paper will be at the discretion of the BLS Executive
7. The application form includes the criteria to be applied in assessing the paper, which in summary are: significance of contribution to debate and analysis 50%, design and execution 20%, quality of argument 20% and presentation 10%.
8. It is a condition of the Baxt Prize that the recipient will acknowledge the award of the Prize in any publication or presentation of the paper.
9. **Applications and papers must be received by 5pm 30 August 2018 AEST. It is expected that the panel will make its award by 30 September 2018.**



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