The Westin Sydney
Friday 18 May 2012
7.30am – 9.30am

$500 table of 10
$55 per person

THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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'GoldenGavel' COMPETITION

INFORMATION SHEET

About the 2012 Golden Gavel Competition

Established in 1993, the Golden Gavel is a public speaking competition, focused on legal topics and open to all NSW Young Lawyer members and law students.

An annual event in the National Law Week program, it is an opportunity for young or aspiring lawyers to showcase their advocacy skills.

Our sponsors for the 2012 Golden Gavel Competition are Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Taylor Root, Sandersons Rushcutters Bay and Grant Thornton. We thank these organisations for their generous support of this event.

The Rules

Twenty four hours before the event, the 10 registered competitors will be emailed their topic. Each competitor will be allowed three to five minutes to present – a warning bell will sound at three minutes and the final bell at five minutes. At the conclusion of all speeches, the judging panel will deliberate and the winner will be announced.

The Prize

The winner will be presented with the Golden Gavel trophy and will go on to represent NSW in the national competition. A runner up prize will be awarded as well as the People's Choice Award, generously donated by Sparke Helmore.

Our judging panel

The Honourable Justice Anna Katzmann, NSW Young Lawyers Patron for 2012 will judge the main event. Sparke Helmore Lawyers will judge and present the People's Choice Award.

Why compete?

Display your oratory skills in front of an appreciative and captive audience, and have a bit of fun! Entry form available at www.lawsociety.com.au/goldengavel

Why attend?

Support the competitors and be part of the legal oratory event of the year! A great opportunity to network with colleagues in the legal fraternity. Book a table of 10 or individual ticket today. Booking form available at www.lawsociety.com.au/goldengavel

Details

Date	Friday 18 May 2012
Time	7.30am – 9.30am
Venue	The Westin Sydney, No. 1 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000
Ticket price	$500 for a table of 10 $55 for an individual ticket
Register by	Friday 4 May 2012

Cancellations: Cancellations will not be accepted. Bookings will not be refunded. **Tax invoices**: A tax invoice will be issued in due course. All prices are GST inclusive. The Law Society of New South Wales, ABN 98 696 304 966.

Topics from last year's competition

Bowls of fruit, biscuits and sandwich makers – My Work Kitchen Rules

All you ever need to know about the practise of law, you learnt in the sand pit

Cleaver Greene's tips on how to lower the Bar (even further)

The Royal Wedding – from a divorce lawyer's perspective

Why I should be the Chief Justice of NSW

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