



**MCCALLUM MEDAL  
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AND COMPETITION RULES  
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### KEY DATES



The McCallum Medal is an annual public speaking event in honour of Professor Ron McCallum AO, former Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, for young lawyers and students interested in employment law and industrial relations.



## INTRODUCTION

The McCallum Medal is an annual public speaking event in honour of Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO, former Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney.

**T**he competition is for young lawyers and students interested in workplace and safety law and industrial relations. The competition is named in honour of Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum, a former patron of NSW Young Lawyers and a leading academic expert in the field of labour law and human rights.

The NSW Young Lawyers Workplace and Safety Law Committee strongly encourages interested students and young lawyers to enter the competition. Past winners of the McCallum Medal have gone on to be highly successful in their legal careers – some even securing a place as a judge’s associate as a direct result of the competition!

Good luck – we hope to see you there!

### 2019 Competition Details

**Date:**

7 November 2019

**Time:**

6.00pm–8.30pm

**Location:**

**Seyfarth Shaw Australia, Sydney office**  
Level 40, Governor Phillip Tower,  
1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

**Judges:**

- **Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO**
- **Vice President Joe Catanzariti** of the Fair Work Commission
- **Rachel Bernasconi**, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw Australia



## COMPETITION RULES

### Eligibility

1. All entrants must, as at **7 November 2019**, be enrolled in a tertiary institute in Australia (which includes the Legal Practitioners Board, the College of Law or an equivalent PLT training institution in Australia) undertaking an undergraduate study of law, or be a young lawyer who was admitted to practice law, in any State or Territory of Australia, on or after **7 November 2017**.

### Entry

2. To enter the competition, an entrant must select one of the topics attached to these Rules and prepare a presentation on the topic (not exceeding 8 minutes in length).
3. The entrant must submit a fully completed and signed entry form, accompanied by a 1,150-word written synopsis of their presentation, by **5.00pm on 21 October 2019**.

### Written Synopsis

4. Entrants must choose a topic for presentation from the list of topics attached to these Rules.
5. Entrants must submit a “**written synopsis**” of their proposed presentation in the following form:  
**Part A:** Executive Summary (max 150 words);  
**Part B:** Article on the topic to be presented (max 500 words), and,  
**Part C:** Outline of presentation (max 500 words).
6. The Presentation Competition Organising Sub-committee reserves the right not to accept synopses that do not comply with Rule 5.

7. All written synopses and entry forms (attached to these Rules) must be submitted and received by **5.00pm on 21 October 2019**. The Presentation Competition Organising Sub-committee reserves the right not to accept written synopses received after this time and date.
8. The synopsis may be submitted either:  
**by email:** to the Chair of the NSW Young Lawyers’ Workplace and Safety Law Committee, Philippa Noakes: [ylgeneral@lawsociety.com.au](mailto:ylgeneral@lawsociety.com.au) with subject line of ‘McCallum Medal competition 2018’, or  
**by mail:** (or hand delivered to) the NSW Young Lawyers’ Workplace and Safety Law Committee, c/- NSW Young Lawyers Office at Level 6, 170 Phillip St, Sydney NSW 2000 or DX 362 Sydney. Please note, if you are mailing or delivering your entry by hand it must **reach** the office by **5.00pm on 21 October 2019**

### Presentation

9. The presentation must run for no longer than eight (8) minutes; an entrant will receive an indication when they have reached seven (7) minutes.
10. Presentations may include visual and/or audio aids.
11. Finalists should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their chosen topic.
12. Finalists should be aware that the judges will have a copy of Part A of the written synopsis but will not have read Parts B and C of their written synopsis.
13. The presentation will be judged entirely on their presentation and according to the following criteria:
  - a) knowledge of law and issues (20%);
  - b) analysis of issues (20%);
  - c) clarity, style and presentation (20%);
  - d) extent and use of research (20%), and,
  - e) responses to judge’s questions (20%).



## COMPETITION RULES (CONTINUED)

### Selection of Finalists

14. A total of five finalists will be chosen by the members of the Presentation Competition Organising Subcommittee from the written synopses submitted.
15. The five finalists will be notified by email on **28 October 2019**.
16. Thomson Reuters reserves the right to contact semi-finalists to request that their article be published in its publication "Workplace Review". Finalists acknowledge that their name, email and "Part B" of their synopsis will be provided to Thomson Reuters.

### Competition Night

17. The finalists will present on their chosen topic at a function chaired by Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO, and hosted by **Seyfarth Shaw at Level 40, Governor Phillip Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000**, commencing at **6.00pm (sharp) on 7 November 2019**.
18. All finalists will need to be in attendance by **5.30pm**.
19. The presentations will be judged by a panel of 4 judges:
  - a) **Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO**
  - b) **Vice President Joe Catanzariti** of the Fair Work Commission
  - c) **Rachel Bernasconi**, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw

20. The winner will receive:
  - a) the McCallum Medal;
  - b) their name engraved on the McCallum Medal perpetual shield;
  - c) a \$1,000 cash prize;
  - d) a \$500 book voucher ; and
  - e) publication of their article.
21. The runner-up will also receive a \$300 book voucher and a \$500 restaurant voucher.
22. All finalists will receive:
  - a) "Certificate of Acknowledgment" as finalists in the Competition;
  - b) a bottle of wine.
23. The NSW Young Lawyers' Workplace and Safety Law Committee reserve its rights to vary or amend the Competition Rules of the McCallum Medal Presentation Competition at any time.



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## ENTRY FORM

### Personal details:

Full name:

Street number and name:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Phone number:

Mobile number:

Fax number:

Email address:

### Entry details:

Student number:

University:

OR Date of admission:

Topic title:

### Declaration:

I declare that this paper is entirely my own work and does not contain any material that has been written or published by another person, except where due acknowledgment has been made.

Signature of entrant:

Date:



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## ENTRY FORM (CONTINUED)

### Written synopsis

**Topic title:**

**Part A - Executive summary:**

**Part B - Article:**

**Part C - Outline of presentation:**

**Signature of entrant:**

**Date:**





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