



2015 STUDENT ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research ('CEPLER') at the Law School, University of Birmingham, is delighted to announce its 2015 student essay writing competition. The winner will receive an iPad mini and the opportunity to have their essay published on the CEPLER website as a CEPLER Working Paper. Two runners up will also have the opportunity to have their essay published as CEPLER Working Papers. The title for this competition is as follows:

"A 'brexit' would be a serious threat to London as the centre of globalised legal services. Discuss"

Please discuss this title in no more than 1,500 words. Your answer should use OSCOLA footnote references,¹ and be written in such a way as to be accessible to academics, students, practitioners, policy makers and the public. The competition is open to all students studying law in the UK for the first time, whether at undergraduate or postgraduate level, such as a LLB for Graduates programme or the CPE/GDL.² All submissions must be received, attached to an email as a Word document, by 3pm on Thursday 19th November 2015.³ Send your entries to Ms Lesley Griffiths, the CEPLER Senior Administrator: l.griffiths.1@bham.ac.uk - in order to maintain fairness and impartiality in judging, your entry should be made on an anonymous basis. Do not include your name or educational establishment on your essay.

Competition Judges

- Martin Coleman, partner and Global Head Antitrust & Competition at Norton Rose Fulbright
- Jenny Crewe, Strategic Policy Manager at The Law Society
- Steven Vaughan, Director of Education, CEPLER

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¹ References are not included in the 1,500 word limit.

² This includes those students who were in their final year of study in 2014/2015 and may have just graduated.

³ The winner and runners-up will be notified by Monday 21 December. If you have not been contacted by this date, then your entry was not successful. The decision of the judges is final.