

AANZFTA Competition Law Essay Contest

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Call for Papers

Call for Papers Submission Open
Friday, 2nd July 2021

Call for Papers Submissions Due by
Monday, 6th September 2021

Authors will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Friday, 22nd October 2021

ASEAN Competition Conference
1 – 2 December 2021

Introduction

Submissions are now invited for the 2021 ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) Competition Law Essay Contest.

This Call for Papers will support the [Virtual ASEAN Competition Research Centre](#) and regional discourse about the effective implementation of competition law in ASEAN. The contest is organised by the ASEAN Experts Group on Competition (AEGC) and the ACCC, as part of the multi-phase Competition Law Implementation Program (CLIP) under the AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Support Programme (AECSP). In its fourth phase, CLIP focuses on supporting ASEAN competition agencies in building knowledge and practical expertise of competition policy and law through sharing resources, skills and experiences.

The 9th ASEAN Competition Conference, with the theme of ‘**Safeguarding Competition – a post pandemic response of ASEAN Competition Authorities**’, will be held from 1-2 December 2021. The conference offers a platform for regional discussion on how competition policy and laws can contribute towards post-pandemic economic recovery, including by ensuring that essential products are available to consumers at a fair price. Competition policy and laws can also protect Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from unfair business practices.

Contest Theme

Safeguarding competition - a post-pandemic response of ASEAN competition authorities

Policy makers, regulators, academicians, and businesses have been formulating strategies to mitigate the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Competition policy and law have important roles to play in these plans by supporting economies in their recovery. In 2020, the AEGC issued a joint statement committing competition authorities to enforce national competition laws and to monitor markets in times of the pandemic.

The AANZFTA Competition Law Essay Contest welcomes submissions addressing one or more of the following five (5) sub-themes:

1. Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on ASEAN Markets;
2. Maintaining Business Compliance;
3. Increasing Importance of Competition Policy for MSMEs in the Post-Pandemic Era;
4. The Rapid Shift Towards the Digital Economy and the Risk to Competition Enforcement; and
5. Strengthening Cooperation in anticipation of future Crisis.

Prizes

AANZFTA Undergraduate Category

In addition to a certificate of commendation, selected winning essays will be considered for publication.

Open Category

In addition to a certificate of commendation, the winning entrant from each sub-theme will be invited to present their essays at the ASEAN Competition Conference in December 2021. Selected winning essays will also be considered for publication.

Eligibility

The Contest invites submissions from two categories of entrants:

Category 1 – AANZFTA Undergraduate category

1. Must be a passport holder of any AANZFTA member countries^[1]; and
2. Must be currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree in economics, commerce, law, international studies, or a related field from an accredited university.

Category 2 – Open category

1. Must currently hold a professional position in economics, commerce, law, international relations or a related field, in one of the ASEAN Member countries, Australia or New Zealand; or
2. Must be a passport holder of any AANZFTA member countries^[1]; and
 - a) have been awarded at least a bachelor's degree in economics, commerce, law, international studies, or a related field from an accredited university; or

- b) be currently enrolled in a Masters or Doctorate level degree in economics, law, international studies, or a related field, from an accredited university.

In both categories, entrants can submit as a team consisting of up to two (2) members (all members must meet eligibility requirements). All entrants must be over 18 years of age.

¹ AANZFTA member countries are: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam.

Conditions of Submission

- All essays must be submitted and formatted in Microsoft Word.
- All entries must be written in English.
- Citations must be in APA style (seventh edition). Refer to www.plagiarism.org for further information.
- 2,000 to 3,000 words length, Font: Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 interlinear.
- Include an abstract of your paper of no more than 250 words.
- Only original and unpublished essays will be considered for evaluation.

Submission Process

All essays must be submitted via the Online Submission Portal:

<https://gems.eventsair.com/aanzfta-competition-law-essay-contest/submission-portal>

Submissions will close at 5:00pm AEST on Monday, 6th September 2021.

All submissions are to be completed online through the Paper Submission Portal and must include:

- Author details
- Author biography (*approx. 200 words*)
- Nominated Prize/Eligibility Category
- Sub-Theme(s)
- Paper title (*maximum 50 words*)
- Paper Abstract (*maximum 250 words*)
- Paper Submission in word format (*maximum 3000 words*)

Judging of Essays

All essay submissions will be blind reviewed and evaluated by an independent panel of judges to determine suitability for the Conference, as per the Evaluation Criteria.

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Evaluation Criteria

Essays will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Conceptual link to proposed theme (30%)

- Substantiation of concept (30%)
- Understanding and explanation of why topic is a significant issue for competition authorities (20%)
- Clarity of expression and language, and referenced in the correct manner (20%)

Further Information

Please continue to monitor the following websites for information on the contest:

- <https://aanzfta.asean.org/aanzfta-sector-portals/competition-sector>;
- <https://www.asean-competition.org/aegc>; and
- <https://www.accc.gov.au/>

Contact Us

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