

# Michael Taussig QC Family Law Award



Family Law Section



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## Eligibility & Criteria

### 1. To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. Hold a current Australian practising certificate at the date of application; and
- b. Be within four years of admission to practice as at date of application; OR
- c. Be a law graduate who has not yet been admitted but is currently undertaking (and can provide evidence of) Practical Legal Training. Applicants who fall into this category must contact the Family Law Section directly via [events@familylawsection.org.au](mailto:events@familylawsection.org.au) or 0435 059 083 rather than using the online application form.

### 2. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the Family Law Section Executive in its discretion.

### 3. The Award winner will be offered a prize package to the value of \$6,000 comprising:

- a. Cash prize \$1,500;
- b. Full registration for the 21st National Family Law Conference to be held in Hobart on 20-23 October 2026 comprising:
  - i. Access to Conference sessions (including Junior Lawyers' Day sessions);
  - ii. Access to the exhibition;
  - iii. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for duration of conference;
  - iv. One (1) ticket to the Welcome Reception;
  - v. One (1) ticket to each Happy Hour; and
  - vi. One (1) ticket to the Gala Dinner.
- c. Airfares and accommodation for the Conference (booked through the Family Law Section) up to the value of \$1,500; and
- d. One (1) Family Law Section membership for 2 years; and
- e. 'Winner of the 2026 The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Award' branded digital logo.

### 4. All submissions will also be considered for publication in *Australian Family Lawyer*.

### 5. The Family Law Section reserves the right not to Award the prize if, in the opinion of the judging panel and/or the Family Law Section Executive, the entries are not of a satisfactory standard.

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**6. To apply for the Award eligible candidates must:**

- a. Submit a previously unpublished article of approximately 1,500 words, (including footnotes, appendices, and tables) that makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis on a family law topic, and
- b. Complete the Michael Taussig QC Family Law Award application form found on the Family Law Section website (unless otherwise discussed).

**7. Articles must be entirely the applicant's own work. AI-based technologies, such as ChatGPT, are not permitted to be used to create any part of the article.**

**8. References to articles/texts should be included in footnotes with full details. All footnotes, citations, and references should be correct. Submissions must use 11-point font with 1.5 line spacing, and ensure there is no defamatory, political, or controversial commentary.**

**9. Articles should be submitted in .doc or .docx format.**

**10. The submission will be judged by a panel of four family lawyers, who will be appointed by the Family Law Section Executive and will include at least one member of the Family Law Section Executive.**

**11. It is a condition of The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Awards that the recipient will acknowledge the Award in any future publication or presentation of the submission.**

**12. Applications and articles for the Award must be received by 1 July 2026. It is expected that the panel will make its Award by 1 August 2026.**

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