

Family Law Section Law Council of Australia

The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Award

Eligibility & Criteria

1. To be eligible for the Award, a candidate:
 - (a) Must be a lawyer holding a current Australian practising certificate (as at the date of their application); and
 - (b) On the date of their application, must be within 4 years of their admission to practise.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 or (02) 6246 3761 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 including:
 - a) Cash prize \$1,500.
 - b) Full registration for the 20th National Family Law Conference to be held in Perth on 30 October 2024
 - Access to Conference sessions (including Junior Lawyers' Day sessions)
 - Access to the exhibition
 - Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for duration of conference.
 - One (1) ticket to the Welcome Reception
 - One (1) ticket to each Happy Hour
 - One (1) ticket to the Gala Dinner
 - c) Up to \$1,500 for airfares and accommodation (to be booked through the Family Law Section.)
 - d) One (1) FLS membership for 2 years.
 - e) 'Winner of the 2024 The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Award' branded stamp.
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.

Closing Date
1 July 2024



5. 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 - a) Submit a previously unpublished article of approximately 1,500 words, (including footnotes, appendices, and tables) that makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis on a family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.)
6. Articles must be entirely the applicant's own work. AI-based technologies, including ChatGPT, are not permitted to be used to create any part of the article.
7. References to articles/texts should be included in footnotes with full details. All footnotes, citations, and references should be correct. Please use 11-point font with sensible spacing, and please ensure there is no defamatory, political, or controversial commentary.
8. Articles should be submitted in .doc or .docx format.
9. The Award 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.
10. It is a condition of The Michael Taussig QC Family Law Essay Awards that the recipient will acknowledge the Award in any future publication or presentation of the essay.
11. Applications and articles for the Award must be received by **1 July 2024**. It is expected that the panel will make its Award by 1 August 2024.

For enquiries or application forms, please contact the Family Law Section at events@familylawsection.org.au or 02 6246 3761.