

FACULTY OF LAW

Joshua Williams Memorial Essay Prize



The Joshua Williams Memorial Essay Prize is provided by the Council of the Otago Branch of the New Zealand District Law Society from the estate of Sir Joshua Strange Williams, a Judge of the Supreme Court and Resident Judge in Dunedin 1878 – 1913. The prize consists of the sum of \$500.00. (The winning entry is often published in the Otago Law Review).

The prize is awarded on the recommendation of the Council for the essay which, in the opinion of the Council (in consultation with such person or persons as it thinks fit) makes the most significant contribution to legal knowledge, meets all the requirements of sound legal scholarship and has applicability to the practice of Law in New Zealand.

Any student enrolled at the University of Otago for the degrees of Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws with Honours, may submit an essay, but no candidate for the prize may submit more than one essay in any year and the prize shall not be awarded twice to the same person.

Papers which have been prepared as assignments for seminars or other classes may be submitted in either their original or revised form. (So if you received a very good grade for a piece of research and writing this year, please consider submitting it for the prize).

The length of the essay may not exceed 7,000 words.

Entries for the prize should be submitted via Turnitin on the LAWS_FYDNI_2025 Blackboard page.

