The Times/Kingsley Napley Student Advocacy Competition 2017 – Competition rules

**Eligibility**

The competition is open to students over 16 years old (at the time of the final). Entrants must be studying at a UK academic institution (school/higher education/university/professional qualification institute) in the academic year 2016-2017, or registered to study there in the academic year 2017-2018 at the time the competition closes on 27 July 2017.

The four finalists must attend an Advocacy Master Class at Kingsley Napley’s offices in London on 11 September 2017. The Master Class will be run by experienced advocates.

The session will be invaluable in assisting the finalists to perfect their skeleton argument and presentation. The finalists must attend and participate in the final on 25 September 2017.

**How to enter**

Entrants should prepare a skeleton argument (maximum 800 words), with a video presentation lasting no more than 90 seconds, which captures all or part of the written argument. They should upload their video to YouTube. The skeleton argument together with the link for the YouTube video should be emailed to the competition address (entry.competition@kingsleynapley.co.uk) and received by noon on Thursday 27 July 2017. In their email, entrants should confirm that their video has been uploaded and confirm the name of their YouTube channel.

Shortlisted candidates for the final on Monday 25 September will be notified by Thursday 10 August 2017. The entries will be judged on the quality of the argument and the advocacy skills of the entrant.

**The Final**

The four candidates who are shortlisted will be asked to make their full presentations and face questioning from the audience and the judging panel led by Lady Justice Rafferty at the News UK headquarters in London on the afternoon of Monday 25 September 2017.

The winner will be announced at a champagne reception to take place after the presentations.
Prizes
1st prize: £3000 plus one week of work experience at Kingsley Napley LLP
2nd prize: £2000
3rd prize: £1000
Runner up: £500
Audience prize: £500

Further information

For more details on how to enter go to: www.kingsleynapley.co.uk/advocacy
If you have any queries, please email inquiries.competition@kingsleynapley.co.uk