

GoLDEN GAVEL

COMPETITION 2006

NSW
**YOUNG
LAWYERS**
A Fresh Perspective

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Essentially this is a public speaking competition which began in 1993 as part of Law Week. Since then it has become a traditional event in the Law Week programme and has been a sell out every year.

THE RULES

There will be ten competitors.

Each competitor will be required to present a 3-5 minute speech. One bell will be sounded at 3 minutes and two bells at 5 minutes.

Your topic will be faxed to you the morning before the competition. Enclosed is a list of topics used in previous years to give you an idea of what to expect.

At the conclusion of all speeches the adjudicator, Alan Cameron, Consultant, Blake Dawson Waldron will make some comments and announce the winner, who will be presented with the Golden Gavel trophy.

WHY SHOULD I COMPETE?

As a Golden Gavel competitor you will have the opportunity to display your verbal skills in front of your colleagues and an eminent adjudicator.

As a representative of your firm you will be actively promoting and increasing your firm's profile and reputation.

You get a free hot breakfast !

Most importantly you'll have FUN.

HOW DO I ENTER ?

If you decide to take the plunge just fill in the attached form and send it back to NSW Young Lawyers Lvl 6, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney 2000 or DX 362 SYDNEY

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES ALONG

To ensure that you're not staring out into a sea of unfamiliar faces while standing up at the podium, invite your friends and colleagues along to cheer and support you. Firms can book a table of ten for the price of \$400 (incl GST).

Alternatively, individual bookings can be made at \$40 (incl GST) per person.



To give you an idea of what to expect, here is a list of the topics used in 2005, 2004 and 2003:

2005

1. A beginners guide to career limiting moves: Chapter 1 - How to lose a demanding client.
2. If sledging was allowed at the Bar Table.
3. Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? The life of the first year lawyer.
4. Performance Reviews for Partners: Why Super Nanny would have a field day at my firm.
5. Use the loose-leaf Luke! The advantage of being of Jedi when practicing law in Sydney legal universe.
6. How can I treat my client as GOD when I'm an agnostic?
7. Why desperate housewives make good lawyers
8. The secret Policeman's Ball - Welcome to the world of the PARTNER

2004

1. Professional Conduct Rules: Bend it Like Beckham
2. A lawyer, a used car salesman and a politician - you have a gun and two bullets, what do you do?
3. If Dr Seuss was a Justice of the High Court
4. The Idiot's Guide to Corporate Governance
5. Cut the "work/life balance" crap and get on with it
6. Relaxation tips for young lawyers that LawCare would never tell you about
7. Better shred than dead, a lawyers approach to ethics
8. I became a lawyer to help people' and other lies that I tell at a parties.

2003

1. In this month's Cosmo/Ralph sizzling sealed section: what lawyers REALLY want!
2. When women get to the top in equal numbers, what should we building the ceiling out of?
3. The Matrix - the model of a 21st Century law firm
4. Jack Bauer thinks that the last 24 hours were the worst of his life - he should try being a lawyer
5. So the pinko, pacifist, terrorist luvin', tree hugging, no mob was wrong because....what did they say again?
6. 10 billable codes every legal practice should have
7. 6 minutes: A Current Affair for Lawyers
8. An interesting dating site for lawyers - what would it look like?
9. How to lose an employer in 10 days
10. The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her lawyers "Why our profession has so much to offer Hollywood".



I would like to compete in the NSW Young Lawyers 2006 Golden Gavel Breakfast Competition, to be held on **Friday 31st March, 2006** at the Westin Hotel, No. 1 Martin Place, Sydney at 7.30am.

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address/DX: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Return to: Poppy Dreki, NSW Young Lawyers, DX 362 Sydney or level 6, 170 Phillip St Sydney (02) 99260269



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Name/s: _____

Firm: _____

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TABLE BOOKING FORM



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Names of attendees on table:

1. _____

6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____