



THE BILA AWARD FOR ITALIAN LAW STUDENTS

The British Italian Law Association is pleased to launch the BILA Award for Italian law students. The aim of the prize is to encourage students of Italian Universities with interests in the British legal system to explore relevant themes and topics by researching, considering and developing an argument in a short essay written in English about any matter of law in particular with regard to cross-border legal practice issues. A new subject will be allocated each year.

The competition is open to all students that are enrolled in an Italian university at the time of the submission.

Applications for the prize will be accepted every year from June to the 15th October.

The winner of the prize will be announced at the BILA Annual Dinner and on BILA's website.

The value of the prize will be £1,000 (one thousand pounds) and the opportunity of a two week 'stage' with an English Law Firm. The winner of the prize will also be invited to submit a shortened version of his/her essay for publication on BILA's website.

The rules governing the competition are as follows.

1. Essays can be of any length up to 3,000 words (including any footnotes) and must be in English.
2. Applications which must contain a completed form and the essay, must be submitted as a pdf file ONLY via email to award@bila.biz. The applicant will receive an acknowledgment of receipt.
3. The competition is open to everyone enrolled in an Italian University at the time of the application (proof of the enrolment must be provided). Any individual student may

enter the competition only once. In case of a high number of applications, the competition panel will review only the first 40 essays received, on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. Essays must be the original work of the student alone. The judges will check the content of the submission and plagiarism will not be tolerated.
5. Essays will be assessed on a range of factors, including how well the argument is sustained, the quality of language and appropriate use of supporting material and facts which evidence any assertions made.
6. The BILA Committee will appoint a panel of three judges taken from the legal professions and academia in UK and/or in Italy who will determine the winner of the Prize. The BILA Committee will adopt any measure to ensure a fair and orderly functioning of the award selection procedure.
7. The decisions of the Judges are final. No correspondence will be entered into.
8. Essays will not be returned, so candidates should keep a copy for their own reference.
9. The Prize will be announced on the BILA website.

The BILA Committee