



INDIGENOUS BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

IBA Foundation ESSAY PRIZE

The Indigenous Bar Association Foundation is a national Foundation, which supports the education and advancement of Indigenous Peoples in law. The IBA Foundation announces its first essay contest to provide Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit and Metis) law students with an opportunity to engage with themes related to Indigenous Peoples.

The objective of the IBA Foundation Essay Prize is to advance research and foster informed debate on various annual themes related to law and Indigenous Peoples. It is open to Indigenous law students, articling students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and newly called (within the last 2 years) Indigenous lawyers. The recipient will be selected at the sole discretion of the Indigenous Bar Association Foundation Board based on the submission which most strongly responds to this year's questions and themes. The recipient of the prize will be given an opportunity to present their paper at the Indigenous Bar Association's Annual Conference in October 2017; receive a \$1000 prize; a maximum of \$750.00 toward their travel and accommodation expenses to attend the annual IBA conference and have their paper posted on the IBA and IBA Foundation's websites. Participants are invited to submit an original essay by **June 30th, 2017**.

Essays should discuss the following:

In 2017, Canada is focused on celebrating 150 years of Confederation. Simultaneously there is another narrative among some Indigenous Peoples that there is little cause to celebrate. There continues to be little engagement with Indigenous legal orders since Confederation. Moreover, there has never been an Indigenous jurist at the Supreme Court of Canada and there remains too few Indigenous judges at all levels of courts in every province. With the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's reports, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples along with other reports, treaties, Indigenous languages, Indigenous sources of law and developments in human rights and international law: What do you envision for Canada 300?

CRITERIA & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Deadline for Submissions: June 30th, 2017, 5:00 pm EST.

Eligibility: Open to all Indigenous law students as well as graduate, post-doctoral fellows, recent graduates and articling students.

To be eligible, authors:

- Must be currently enrolled in a BCL, LLB, JD, LLM, DCL or Ph.D program in law; OR
- Have obtained their most recent degree within the last 12 months of the essay submission date; OR
- Have been admitted to the Bar of a jurisdiction in Canada since December 31, 2015.

Criteria for submission:

The essay should include:

- An Abstract (maximum of 200 words that must be included in the overall word count), which is a summary of the main questions and conclusion found within the essay
- Full references following the *Canadian Guide to Legal Citation*

The essay should be:

- Written in English (the inclusion of Indigenous language(s) in an essay should be translated in footnotes)
- A maximum of 10,000 words (including footnotes)
- Be of sole authorship
- Unpublished as of June 30th, 2017
- Written in 12-point font, double-spaced, with a 2.5 cm margin on all sides
- Numbered in the lower right corner
- Submitted in MS Word format

Announcement to be made by July 31st, 2017. The recipient will be invited to attend the Indigenous Bar Association's Annual Conference in 2017 with partial travel support available.

Submissions must be emailed to Ann Chalmers, Indigenous Bar Association at: achalmers@indigenousbar.ca, by June 30th, 2017 by 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.