

Business Law Section

Baxt Prize

Applications close at 5pm, 31 August 2020AEST.

About

The Baxt Prize honours the contribution of Professor Robert ('Bob') Baxt AO to business law in Australia.

The Baxt Prize recognises Professor Baxt's longstanding involvement with, and commitment to, the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia (BLS). Professor Baxt was a founding member of the BLS, served on three BLS committees (chairing two of them), served as an Executive member for more than 30 years, and was the Section Chairman from 2001 - 2003. Professor Baxt was instrumental in creating the annual Competition Workshop which is, and has been for some years, the pre-eminent workshop in this field in Australia.

Professor Baxt practised and published extensively in the fields of trade practices, corporate law and taxation law, and had a longstanding commitment to legal education. After serving as Dean of Law at Monash University from 1980 - 1988 and Chairman of the Australian Trade Practices Commission from 1988 - 1991, Professor Baxt was a partner of Allens from 1991 - 2004 and a partner (later Emeritus Partner) of Herbert Smith Freehills from 2005 - 2017. He was also a professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne, Chairman of the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the founder and general editor of the Australian Business Law Review and the Company and Securities Law Journal.

Professor Baxt was a recipient of the Centenary Medal and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2003 for services to law.

Throughout the many phases of his extensive legal career in academia, administration and practice, Professor Baxt held a deep interest in the professional development of young lawyers. 2010.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted on an official application form obtained [online](#). Please submit applications via email to: BaxtPrize@lawcouncil.asn.au



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Conditions of Entry

1. The 2020 Baxt Prize will be awarded for an outstanding journal article on a topic related to Australian trade practices, corporate law or taxation law published by an eligible author in a qualifying journal between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.
2. An eligible author is a person who is under the age of 35 on 30 June 2020.
3. If the article is co-authored, all co-authors must be eligible authors and the Prize will be shared between them.
4. A qualifying journal is a journal ranked A* or A in the ABDC journal quality list for FOR Codes 180105 and 180125.
5. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the BLS Executive in its discretion.
6. Nominations may be made using the nomination form by:
 - a. a publisher or editor of a qualifying journal, or
 - b. a member of the BLS, or
 - c. an eligible author.
7. The judging panel reserves the right to decide not to award the Prize if no suitable nominations are received.
8. The Prize will be judged by a panel which will be appointed by the BLS Executive. The panel will be drawn from the Judiciary, BLS Committees, academia, and other relevant institutions or bodies.
9. As a condition of accepting the Prize, the winner should be prepared to deliver the paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the BLS. Any invitation to the author to deliver the winning paper will be at the discretion of the BLS Executive.
10. The judging criteria are: significance of contribution to debate and analysis 60%, design and execution 20%, and quality of argument 20%.
11. **Nominations must be received by 5pm on 31 August 2020 AEST** using the official nomination form. The nomination form must be signed by the eligible author(s) and, where appropriate, the nominator. An electronic copy of the published article must be provided with the nomination form.



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