



The City of London Solicitors' Company Prize 2026

Each year the City of London Solicitors' Company awards a Prize of £1,000 to an aspiring solicitor who shows the most promise in terms of being a future City solicitor. We invite entries for this year's Prize by the deadline of **15th May 2026**.

To be eligible, candidates must at this date:

- have passed the LPC or SQE 1; and
- be in the last year of either their training contract or their solicitor apprenticeship or have completed at least one year of qualifying work experience—in each case, with a firm of solicitors practising in the City and its neighbouring areas.

Candidates will need to submit:

- an essay of no more than 500 words, entitled:

In its purpose the City of London Solicitors' Company says we value the Rule of Law, and the role it plays in contributing to a free, prosperous and fair society. We also say we encourage the discussion of the importance of the Rule of Law, and the part our members play in upholding it. The City more generally recognises that the Rule of Law underpins its pre-eminence. In this year's Company Prize essayists are asked to consider the following question:

How can the Rule of Law sustain the stability and attractiveness of the City in an increasingly complex global landscape?

- a letter of support from their training principal (or equivalent) within their firm.

Please combine and submit both documents in a single pdf file.

Selected finalists will be invited to a short interview with the President of the City of London Solicitors' Company Rule of Law Society and a member of the City of London Law Society's Training Committee when the overall winner will be chosen. Interviews will take place on the morning of **23rd June 2026**. The Prize will be presented at a Solicitors' Company "Celebration of Impact" event in Autumn 2026.

Please send any queries and your application to

Liz.Thomas@clls.org before the closing date of **15th May 2026**.
