

2016 McCarthy Tétrault and Business Law Society Contract Drafting Competition

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Interested in learning about the art of drafting a contract? We invite you to participate in the 2016 **McCarthy Tétrault** and **Business Law Society** Contract Drafting Competition. If you are interested in corporate law, this competition is a great opportunity to learn and apply corporate law skills in a practical setting. Participants will receive a brief fact pattern involving a business, business transaction, or business idea and be asked to develop a contract based on the proposed scenario. The purpose of the competition is to provide an introduction to contract drafting so it is not our intention for students to be overwhelmed with technical details. Submissions will be limited to a maximum of five pages, single-spaced with 11 point Arial font and left-justified margins.

There are two categories of participants: (1) **1L Students** and (2) **Upper Year Students**, and recognition will be given to the top three submissions in each category. All students will receive written feedback on their contract submissions from practicing transactional lawyers at McCarthy Tétrault. This a great opportunity to develop and improve a critical skill for your career and network with lawyers at a leading national law firm during the reception. The 1L student with the top submission will be invited to participate in a number of McCarthy Tétrault's Summer Student Program social and educational events where they will network with summer students from law schools across the country and gain exposure to one of Canada's most innovative law firms. The Upper Year student with the top submission will receive a gift card.

RELEVANT DATES IN 2016

- January 4th at 8:00 a.m.** Registration for the competition begins.
Registration is on a first-come, first-serve, sign-up basis until we reach our capacity for both of the 1L and Upper Year categories.
Participants will register directly with the BLS:
1L Students register with: tegan.valentine@mail.utoronto.ca
Upper Year Students register with: chantalc.ma@mail.utoronto.ca
- January 8th at 5:00 p.m.** Registration closes
- January 11th** Competition begins and the fact pattern, along with further guidelines, will be distributed to students
- January 12th at 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. in Victoria College Room 115 (VC 115)**
Contract Drafting Workshop with Professor Anthony Niblett and a Business Law lawyer from McCarthy Tétrault
- February 7th at 11:59 p.m.** Contract submission deadline
- March 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Final awards ceremony and reception at McCarthy Tétrault. Feedback will be provided on the submissions. Top submissions will be announced for the 1L category and the Upper Year category at the reception.

If you have any questions, please contact **David Styles** (david.styles@mail.utoronto.ca), **Chantal Ma** (chantalc.ma@mail.utoronto.ca), or **Tegan Valentine** (tegan.valentine@mail.utoronto.ca).

