**PROPERTY LITIGATION ASSOCIATION (“PLA”) MEMORIAL COMPETITION 2024. (“Contest”) TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

THE BLOG QUESTION:

We invite PLA members to contribute to this year's Alan Langleben Memorial Competition and prepare a blog (not exceeding 500 words) which answers the following question:

**“Everyone has a right to a decent home” (Michael Gove, White Paper “A fairer private rented sector”).**

The Government has proposed a raft of reforms to residential property legislation, designed to overhaul the rights of both short and long term leaseholders. But could such reform give rise to unintended consequences that destabilise these sectors and squeeze the supply of affordable housing stock? Discuss. (500 word limit)

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE: Contest is open to all current members of the PLA (with the exception of Honorary, Retired or Academic members, or any current members of the Executive Committee or Law Reform Committee) and trainees, apprentices and paralegals who are involved in property litigation.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Submissions must comply with the following guidelines:

* Members must submit their blog by email to [events@pla.org.uk](mailto:events@pla.org.uk). Blogs submitted by any other means will not be accepted;
* The name, mailing address and email address of the entrant must appear on the paper;
* Maximum word limit (strictly applied, but excluding headings): 500 words;
* All entries must be received by 4pm on 24 May 2024;
* The submission must be the original work of the entrant, and must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity, or be otherwise contrary to applicable laws and regulations;
* Content cannot promote any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous;
* Content cannot be obscene or offensive, endorse any form of hate or hate group;
* Content cannot defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks;
* Content cannot contain any material that infringes on the intellectual property rights or other rights of any third party, including, without limitation contractual rights, copyrights, rights of privacy; and
* Content cannot contain copyrighted materials owned by others.

The PLA reserves the right to disqualify any submission (or portion thereof) for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion, including its determination in their sole discretion that a submission fails to satisfy any of the above requirements.

JUDGING PHASE: All eligible submissions received by PLA will be judged by a panel comprising one or more of the Honorary Members of the PLA. In the event of a tie, the PLA Chair will have the final decision.

FINALIST NOTIFICATION: Judges' decisions are final and binding on all matters relating to this Contest. The winner will be notified via mail, email and/or phone.

GRAND PRIZE AWARD (1 recipient): £2,000 (two thousand pounds). Award recipients are solely responsible for all applicable tax liabilities, if any, as well as any other costs and expenses associated with award acceptance or use of the award.

USE OF SUBMISSIONS: All entrants irrevocably grant the PLA the right to edit, modify and publish any submissions on the PLA’s public website and / or any trade and legal journals. Estates Gazette has offered to publish the winning blog.

PERSONAL DATA: Any information collected from the Contest shall be used only in a manner consistent with the Consent given by the entrant at the time of submission, with these Terms and Conditions, and with the PLA’s Privacy Policy which can be found at [www.pla.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.pla.org.uk/privacy-policy). (Such Privacy Policy is incorporated herein by reference).

Each entrant expressly agrees to the use of his/her personal information for such purpose. By participating in the Contest, entrants:

(i) agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, including all eligibility requirements, the Privacy Policy; and

(ii) agree to be bound by the decisions of PLA, which are final and binding in all matters relating to this Contest. Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result in disqualification from this Contest.

The PLA reserves the right to permanently disqualify any entrant it believes has intentionally violated these Terms and Conditions and void their submission.

The following information will be collected from each entrant for the purpose of administering the Contest and may also be used by PLA to contact the winner of the Contest: entrant’s name, mailing address and email address. The PLA will not sell, share or otherwise disclose information collected in any manner with third parties, other than those parties necessary to fulfil the above purposes, unless entrant has given his prior express consent to receive additional information from the PLA or a third party.

Entrants have a right of access to, modification and withdrawal of their personal data. Entrants also have the right of opposition to the data collection, under certain circumstances, in accordance with applicable law. To exercise such right, an entrant may write to the PLA Administrator [admin@pla.org.uk](mailto:admin@pla.org.uk). The PLA will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that each entrant’s personal information is treated securely and in accordance with the PLA's Privacy Policy and these Terms and Conditions.

JURISDICTION: These Terms and Conditions are governed by English law. The courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear any dispute or claim arising in association with the Contest or these Terms and Conditions.

PROVIDER OF CONTEST:

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