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John Jones QC Essay Competition 2023

John RWD Jones QC was a superb barrister, specialising in extradition, international law and human rights. He represented clients in many of the leading cases of the day, including Charles Taylor, the former president of Liberia, and Julian Assange. John was also a gifted academic lawyer, with publications including a textbook with Antonio Cassese, the eminent international lawyer, and a leading practitioner text on extradition. John sadly passed away in April 2016 and DELF continues to honour his memory through its annual essay competition in his name.

A judging panel consisting of Lord Lloyd-Jones, Mark Summers KC and Jasvinder Nakhwal will select the winning essay.

The competition is open to those studying law at undergraduate or postgraduate level, students of the Graduate Diploma in Law, the Legal Practice Course, the Bar Professional Training Course, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers, and legal practitioners up to 3 years PQE or 3 years from the end of pupillage.

The essay question is:

Should the courts have a more active role in reviewing which countries are designated under the 2003 Act?

The essay should be no more than 2000 words in length including footnotes. The closing date for entries is 4pm on 26 January 2024. Entries should be submitted to admin@delf.org.uk with the subject "Essay Competition".

The entrant's email should include the entrant's full contact details and details of the entrant's academic institution/firm/chambers. The essay should be sent as an attachment to the email and the attachment itself should not contain the entrant's name or any identifying details.

The entries will be judged according to the quality of academic and legal argument. The decision of the judging panel will be final.

The winner will receive a prize of £750 and 2024 DELF Membership. Second place will receive a prize of £250 and 2024 DELF Membership. Third place will receive 2024 DELF Membership.