**TB Smith Memorial Prize**

The Trustees of the Sir Thomas Broun Smith Memorial Trust (“the Trustees”) propose to award a prize of **£1,000** after competition in 2014 to the writer of the best essay submitted to them in terms of the following rules.

1. The subject of the essay is to be, **“The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill 2013 proposes to abolish the corroboration requirement in Scottish criminal trials, subject to alternative safeguards against wrongful conviction being introduced before implementation. What do think these should be?”** In answering, entrants should have due regard to the historical and comparative aspects of the topic, as well as proposing a review of the present law.
2. Persons eligible to compete are:
3. Those who are currently students in the School of Law in the University of Aberdeen (“the School of Law”); and
4. Those who have graduated from the School of Law since 1 January 2009.
5. Each essay should be not more than 7,500 words long (**including** all footnotes but **excluding** any title page, table of contents or bibliography). The essay should be written in Times New Roman font using double-line spacing. The essay should not disclose the competitor’s name or address, but should be sent as an attachment to an email which does contain those particulars. The email should also contain the competitor’s date of graduation or, if the competitor is a student who has not yet graduated, the date of first matriculation at the University of Aberdeen.
6. The Trustees direct that essays must be submitted electronically to Mr Greg Gordon of the School of Law, University of Aberdeen, using the following email address: [**g.w.gordon@abdn.ac.uk**](mailto:g.w.gordon@abdn.ac.uk)**.**
7. Essays must be received not later than by midnight on 30 September 2014. All essays received timeously will be assigned a unique, non-identifying code. The adjudicator will not (prior to his/her determination) be informed of the entrants’ identity.
8. The prize is to be awarded by the Trustees to the writer of the essay which is adjudged to be the best work submitted in accordance with the rules of the competition. An adjudicator shall be appointed by the Trustees. If the adjudicator is of the opinion that no essay meets the standard required (s)he may recommend to the Trustees that no prize or a lesser prize be awarded and the Trustees may follow that recommendation.
9. The decision of the adjudicator and of the Trustees is not open to challenge by an entrant to the competition.

**Note**: A person will be considered to be a student in (or graduate of) the School of Law for the purposes of this competition if they have studied for or graduated in the LLB and/or Diploma in Legal Practice, Diploma in Professional Legal Practice, MA in Legal Studies or a higher degree in Law.

**Biographical Note of TB Smith**

Professor Sir Thomas Broun (TB) Smith QC, FBA, FRSE was one of the most significant Scots legal scholars of the 20th century. He occupied the Chair of Scots Law (his first academic appointment) at the University of Aberdeen between 1949 and 1958. A man of great energy and drive, he had a hand in many of the most important developments in Scots law in the latter half of the 20th Century: the institution of the LLB as a full-time course of study and the foundation of the Scottish Universities Law Institute, the Stair Memorial Encylopedia and the Scottish Law Commission, on which he served as a Commissioner for fifteen years. At a time when it was not necessarily expected that Law Professors would be research-active, he produced a prodigious volume of publications and (what is of at least equal importance) greatly encouraged others to think and write about Scots law. The TB Smith memorial prize was established “in affectionate memory” of TB Smith by the surviving members of the class of 1949-1952, the first group of students whom Smith taught.