



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory 2021

Terms & Conditions

Establishment

The Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory has been generously provided for by a gift from the Honourable Dennis Mahoney QC AO, former President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. It is administered through the Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence in the Faculty of Law, the University of Sydney.

1. The net income derived from the gift of Dennis Leslie Mahoney is to be used to fund a prize in sociological jurisprudence to be called the Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize (hereafter 'the Prize').

Purpose

2. The purpose of the Prize is to advance sociological jurisprudence as pioneered by Professor Julius Stone.
3. Sociological jurisprudence is to be understood as including legal analysis, theory, reform, enactment or administration, involving an understanding of what are in fact the operation and the needs of particular societies, rather than a purely historical or conceptual approach to law. It refers to an understanding and analysis of law that marries legal theory with sociological inquiry.

Judging Process

4. The Prize will be judged by a Committee consisting of:
 - (a) the donor or his nominee; or, upon the retirement or inability to serve of the donor, the nominee of the donor's legal personal representative
 - (b) the Dean of the University of Sydney Law School or his or her nominee
 - (c) a nominee of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney
 - (d) the Director of the Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence; or, upon his or her inability to serve, the Acting-Director of the Julius Stone Institute
 - (e) The President of the Australian Society for Legal Philosophy, or his or her nominee
5. The Committee's decision will be made by a majority of the Committee and will be final.
6. The Committee will meet approximately every five years in order to consider the award of the Prize. It will call for nominations and applications at an appropriate time before the Prize is to be awarded. The application may be in any form prescribed by the Committee.
7. The Committee may in its deliberations nominate any person to be considered by the Committee, subject to the written consent of such person, notwithstanding that no formal application has been received by or on behalf of that person.

Award

8. The Committee will award the prize to a person or persons who, in their opinion, has or have contributed most significantly to advancing the purpose of the Prize as outlined above.
9. This contribution must be in English. It may include, but is not limited to
 - (a) the publication of a book, articles, or other material
 - (b) the development of a program of teaching or other means of public dissemination
 - (c) the securing of the enactment of laws or rules.
10. The Committee may in its discretion decline to award the Prize and instead
 - (a) fix a new date for the awarding of the Prize; or
 - (b) add the amount of the Prize to the sum to be awarded at the expiration of the next period.

The Prize

11. The recipient(s) of the Prize shall receive a cash sum of \$50,000.
12. The recipient(s) may be invited to spend a period of up to one semester to participate (on a non-stipendiary basis) in the activities of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. A recipient may also receive an invitation to deliver the Julius Stone Address in the year following the award of the prize.

Applications

13. Applications must include five copies of all work and documents which the Committee is to consider in determining the award of the Prize. (This stipulation does not apply to persons nominated by the Committee under term 7, above).