

## **Baxter Family Competition on Federalism**

McGill University's Faculty of Law and the Peter MacKell Chair in Federalism are proud to announce the creation of the Baxter Family Competition on Federalism, which has been made possible through the generous support of Rachel Baxter, BSc'84/BCL'88 and Colin Baxter, BCL'90/LLB'90, who both practice law in Ottawa, as corporate and litigation counsel respectively.

The overarching goal of this prestigious bi-annual essay competition is to advance research and foster informed debate on federalism by law students, as well as law PhD candidates, junior legal scholars and junior lawyers from around the world.

Competition finalists will be given an opportunity to present their papers at a Symposium organized by the McGill Faculty of Law, in Montreal in the spring of 2017.

Prizes will be awarded by an International Jury. First, second and third place winners will receive prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

Participants are invited to submit an original essay related to an aspect of federal theory, the past, present and future of Canadian federalism from comparative angles are

particularly encouraged.

While essays can discuss any one of a wide range of topics related to federalism, the organizers of the Baxter Family Competition on Federalism are particularly interested in submissions centered on two particular aspects of the "federal phenomenon":

1. The potential and challenges of federal constitutional design for complex multi-lingual, multi-cultural and multinational societies, including those with mixed legal systems and/or those seeking post-conflict reconciliation.

In this context, essays may address questions such as:

- x Does federalism meet its promise of promoting tolerance and mutual respect between diverse groups: If so, why and how? If not, why not?

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Prize: First place: Can\$ 5,000; Second place: Can\$3,000; Third place: Can\$1,000.

Deadline for Submission of Essays September 30, 2016, at 13h00, Eastern Standard Time (Montreal time).

Announcements to be made in January 2017. Winners will be invited to present at a Symposium to be held at McGill University in the spring of 2017.

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