



**Guidance notes for Transition Year Coordinators**  
**The Gráinne O'Neill Memorial Legal Essay Competition**

**Marking Scheme**

Schools should adhere to the following marking scheme when marking essays:

- Knowledge and understanding of the topic (30 marks)
- Analysis and arguments presented (30 marks)
- Structure of the essay, research evidence, referencing, language (20 marks)
- Overall coherence of the essay, readability, and impact (20 marks)

For more information on the competition and to view previous winning entries, please see:  
<https://www.lawsociety.ie/public/Public-Legal-Education/grainne-oneill-legal-essay-competition>