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Established to honour a distinguished art lawyer, the Richard Edwards QC Art Law Prize celebrates excellence in legal scholarship and seeks to inspire the next generation of art law practitioners.

Why this Prize exists

- To honour Richard Edwards QC's contribution to art law
- To promote excellence in art and cultural property law
- To support and encourage the next generation of lawyers

Prizes

First Prize £2,500	One week's work experience with Stephenson Harwood's Art Law Group
Second Prize £1,000	One week's internship at the Institute of Art and Law
Third Prize £500	
Undergraduate Award	Two-day placement on Sotheby's Working in the Arts programme

Publication

The first prize essay will be published in *Art Antiquity and Law*, IAL's quarterly journal, and on the 3VB website.

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2026 Essay Question

In the future, legal disputes involving the authenticity or attribution of art will be resolved by science and technology, not connoisseurship. Discuss.

Eligibility and deadlines

Who can enter?

Undergraduate and postgraduate students Aged 26 or under on 27 November 2026

Register by

14 October 2026

Essay deadline

27 November 2026

Winners announced

January 2027

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