



## DLEF ESSAY PRIZE ANNOUNCED FOR 2023

The 2023 Dental Law and Ethics Forum (DLEF) essay prize is now open for

entries from young dental care professionals who want to make a mark in the dento-legal field. Final year students as well as any GDC registrant who has been qualified for up to five years are eligible to enter one of three categories.

The essay topics are as follows:

1. For final year students: 'Is it possible to obtain consent from a patient who has dementia?' This essay can be up to 800 words long
2. For first year registrants: 'Is it ever ethical to do something that is illegal?' This essay can be up to 1000 words
3. For registrants who have been qualified for between two and five years 'What are the dento-legal issues to consider

if a 17-year-old patient wants limited treatment orthodontics followed by composite bonding?' This essay can be up to 1500 words long.

The deadline for all the essays is 30 July, 2023, and the prize for the best essay in each category is £250 and the opportunity to speak at the December meeting of the forum. The DLEF is a group of influential people in the dental world who meet several times a year for talks given by experts in the world of dento-legal and medical ethics. Established 24 years ago, the forum provides valuable opportunities for debate and networking.

For the inaugural competition in 2022, there were two categories, one for first year registrants and the other for those qualified for between two and five years. Following the success of last year's competition, the DLEF has added an extra prize to include final year

students. The winners last year were Rachel Manson, a first-year dentist registrant and Sophie Rimmer, a newly qualified dentist. They both presented to the DLEF's December meeting when they were awarded their prizes.

Chris Morris, current President of the DLEF and dually qualified as a dentist and a lawyer, said: 'We had a very impressive set of entries last year. The 2023 essay topics are designed to encourage reflection on challenging contemporary topics which revolve around the theme of consent. They explore the kind of issues that the indemnity organisations deal with on a regular basis and will appeal to dental professionals at various stages of their career who are hoping to develop a portfolio career or who have an interest in the dento-legal world.'

Full details of the prizes and how to apply can be found at: [www.dlef.org.uk/the-dlef-essay-prize-2023/](http://www.dlef.org.uk/the-dlef-essay-prize-2023/).

## Green Award launched

The Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) and Henry Schein are pleased to announce the launch of the Oral Health Professional Educators' 'Practice Green' Awards.

Aimed to embed an ethos of sustainability within the education lifecycle for oral health professionals and within their educational and clinical practice settings, best practice examples will be showcased and recognised through participation in this programme.

Speaking of the launch of the Awards, ADEE President Prof Pal Barkvold said: 'ADEE is delighted to be able to recognise the efforts of its member institutions who have advocated and advanced the sustainability agenda for many years. Combined with the upcoming publication of the sustainability learning outcomes to ADEE's Graduating European Dentist Core Curriculum our members will be well placed to ensure environmental and sustainable practices.'

Participants in the award are invited to submit their application on sustainability projects under three categories:

- Faculty Campus Initiative
- Faculty Curriculum Initiative, and
- Faculty Procurement and Product Use Initiative.

Institutions can highlight their experiences and impact in the area of sustainable education as well as clinical and administration practices that have returned benefit to the institutions, society and the environment.

EDSA President, Martha Adam, stated: 'EDSA has long advocated for academic institutions to embrace sustainable and green practices within the undergraduate curriculum and beyond. We are delighted to be invited to associate with this new innovative award and look forward to seeing the impact on practice.'

The award was named after Henry Schein's recently launched international sustainability programme, Practice Green, designed to empower the health care community to positively impact the future of the planet by reducing the ecological footprint and promoting sustainability.

Andrea Albertini, CEO of Henry Schein's International Distribution Group, said:



'Our goal is to help health care professionals increase the sustainability efforts while continuing to provide high-quality patient care. Thanks to the cooperation with ADEE and EDSA on the Oral Health Professional Educators' 'Practice Green' Award, we can raise awareness and underline the important role that University Dental Schools have in helping to establish the foundation for more sustainable dentistry.'

Application submission is now open to ADEE member institutions and will remain open to 31 May 2023. The awards will be presented at a gala event held as part of ADEE 2023 annual meeting in Liverpool UK on Friday, 25 August 2023.

For further information about the application, please visit the award website or contact [administrator@adee.org](mailto:administrator@adee.org).