In consideration of the endowment by the Honourable Sir John Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., of the Chair of Law at The University of Adelaide, and in order better to perpetuate his memory, as well as to encourage original contributions to the Science of Law the Council decided to found a prize, whereby the following rules are hereby made:

1. The prize shall be called ‘The Bonython Prize’.
2. The value of the prize shall not exceed $1,500.
3. The prize shall be awarded to such a candidate who, in the opinion of the Faculty of Law, shall have written the best original thesis on any legal subject approved by the Faculty which is, in the opinion of the examiners, of sufficient merit.
4. The prize may be awarded to the author of any book on any legal subject published prior to and within 18 months of the submitting of the thesis, providing that the other conditions of the prize have been fulfilled.
5. Where, in the opinion of the examiners, two or more theses shall be considered of equal merit, the prize shall be awarded for the thesis the subject matter of which is deemed by the examiners to be of greater interest or use from the point of view of the law of the Commonwealth or of South Australia.
6. No thesis submitted for competition shall have been previously submitted for any competition or prize at The University of Adelaide or elsewhere.
7. Candidates must have qualified for the Bachelor of Laws degree at The University of Adelaide.
8. If any thesis be considered by the examiners sufficiently meritorious to qualify for the prize, but inferior to another thesis submitted at the same competition, the thesis may be resubmitted (subject to rule 4) at a subsequent competition but may be awarded the prize only if no other thesis of sufficient merit to qualify for the prize is submitted for the first time at such subsequent competition.
9. The prize shall not be awarded twice to the same candidate.
10. A typewritten or printed copy of the thesis shall be deposited by the candidate in the Law Library, but shall be made available to them for a period of one month, or for such period that the Faculty will allow, if the candidate wishes to publish the thesis. In this case the University shall have no rights in respect of the thesis so published, but a copy shall be presented by the candidate to the Faculty.
11. These rules may be varied from time to time but the title and general purpose of the prize shall not be changed.

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