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AND

THE R.W. BENNETT MEDAL AND SCHOLAR

Background

- A. In 1929, the late Richard William Bennett, K.C., LL.B., bequeathed the sum of £500 to the University to establish annual prizes and a scholarship medal for students of the Law School to be administered as follows:-

“...to THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE the sum of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS (£500) to provide annual Prizes and a Scholarship Medal on the lines of the Stow Prize and Medal for students of the Law School of the said University; the terms and conditions of which Prizes and Scholarship Medal I DECLARE may be settled by Sir George John Robert Murray, K.C.M,G, or such person or persons as he may nominate for that purpose.”

- B. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts ('capital sum').

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called 'The R W Bennett Prizes and Medal' ('fund').

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the terms of the Prize.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-
- (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor; and
 - (b) to establish prizes and a medal in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

The R.W. Bennett Prizes

The following rules are hereby made:

1. There shall be two annual prizes to be called 'The R.W. Bennett Prize'.
2. The value of each prize shall be \$190 or, at the option of the prize winner, of books to be selected by him/her of that value.

3. The prizes shall be awarded to candidates who pass with high distinction or distinction in any subject for the Ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws and who are recommended by the Board of Examiners, provided that in each case the Board is of the opinion that the candidate's performance in the subject is of exceptional merit.
4. If more than two candidates qualify to be considered for the prize, the Board of Examiners shall make its recommendation on the basis of the comparative merits of the High Distinctions or Distinctions concerned.
5. No candidate shall be awarded more than one prize in any year.
6. These rules may be varied from time to time but the title and general purpose of the prize shall not be changed.

The R.W. Bennett Medal and Scholar

A candidate who has been awarded three R.W. Bennett Prizes shall receive a bronze medal and shall be styled 'R.W. Bennett Scholar'.

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