

# The Law Society of British Columbia

## Rule of law essay contest 2019-2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted everyday life for people across the globe, as countries and citizens have had to reconsider how to balance social and economic systems with public health priorities. The issues and challenges that this global pandemic is raising has prompted the Law Society to introduce a new, second opportunity for BC secondary students to win a rule of law essay prize. In addition to the current topic — *Does government and/or corporate monitoring of social media adversely affect the rule of law?* — we are inviting submissions on:

***How is the rule of law affected by a global pandemic?***

**Submission deadline:** May 15, 2020

**Who is eligible:** All grade 12 students in BC and any BC secondary student who is currently enrolled in, or has taken, either law 12, political studies 12, social justice 12 or social studies 11.

**Prizes:** The winner and runner-up will receive cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, at an awards presentation at the Law Society in Vancouver. Please note: students may only win one prize.

**For contest details:** Visit [www.lawsociety.bc.ca](http://www.lawsociety.bc.ca) and click on Our Initiatives > Rule of Law and Lawyer Independence > Secondary school essay contest.

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