

# Gavel hits the mark



YOUNG LAWYERS AGAIN ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE  
IN THIS YEAR'S GOLDEN GAVEL COMPETITION



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**H**ard-hitting topics? Check. Tips and insights about surviving the legal profession? Check. Value of said tips? Questionable.

The 2011 Victorian Golden Gavel Competition showcased the comedic talents of 10 young lawyers who were given only 24 hours to come up with an impressive speech on a variety of legal topics.

The night's winner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques law graduate Nick Russell, wowed the crowd with his topic "10 tips to succeed in the law without really trying".

Runner-up was Daniel Kinsey (Allens Arthur Robinson) and Nathan Lowenstein (Maddocks) was third.

Also taking part this year were Leigh Howard (Clayton Utz), Bridie Boyle (Blake Dawson), Natalie Devitsakis (Maurice Blackburn), Jarrod Bayliss-McCulloch (Baker & McKenzie), Roland Muller (Parke Lawyers), Laura Hartmann (Lander & Rogers) and Simon Wolfe (Herbert Geer).

The YLS will be supporting Nick and Daniel when they represent Victoria at the National Golden Gavel Competition at the State Library of Victoria on 16 September 2011. For more information see [www.liv.com.au/YLconference](http://www.liv.com.au/YLconference).

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- 1 2010 Golden Gavel winner Athol Birtley with LIV president Caroline Counsel, 2011 winner Nick Russell and and YLS president Jonathan Elliot
- 2 Bridie Boyle
- 3 Nathan Lowenstein
- 4 Jarrod Bayliss-McCulloch
- 5 Nick Russell
- 6 Roland Muller
- 7 Leigh Howard
- 8 Simon Wolfe
- 9 Natalie Devitsakis
- 10 Laura Hartmann
- 11 Daniel Kinsey



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