### Legal Writing Contests

#### 2013-2014 Academic Year

**Key:** *(Practice Area)*

#### NEW – Deadline: February 17, 2014 by 5p.m. CST

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<th><strong>2014 - National Law Review 2014 Law Student Writing Competition</strong> <em>(Labor and Employment Law)</em></th>
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<td>Winner’s article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in our October newsletter</td>
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<td>Entries will be judged and the top two to four articles chosen will be featured on the NLR homepage for a month. Up to 5 runner-up entries will also be posted in the NLR searchable database each month.</td>
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<td>Topic: Labor and Employment Law</td>
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<td><em>Please note that although students are encouraged to submit articles pertaining to the above-listed topics, they may also submit entries covering current issues related to other areas of the law.</em></td>
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<td>Submissions: Please email all article submissions to: <a href="mailto:lawschools@natlawreview.com">lawschools@natlawreview.com</a></td>
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<td>Standards: Articles will be judged by NLR staff members on the basis of readability, clarity, organization, and timeliness. Tone should be authoritative, but not overly formal. Ideally, articles should be straightforward and practical, containing useful information of interest to legal and business professionals.</td>
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<td>Why Students Should Submit?</td>
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<td>-Law students have the opportunity to publicly share their knowledge and skills on a national digital platform.</td>
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<td>-Winning articles will be placed alongside with those written by respected attorneys from AM Law 200 firms.</td>
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<td>-Great resume building opportunity for future employment.</td>
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<td>-Great name exposure, with a full accompanying author bio.</td>
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<td>-Brand expansion opportunity for your law school, with an accompanying school logo.</td>
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Deadline: January 31, 2014 by 6p.m. EST

2014 – American Indian Law Review Writing Competition (American Indian Law)

First-Place: $1,000 and publication in the American Indian Law Review.
Second-Place: $500
Third-Place: $250

The three winning authors will be recognized on the masthead of the American Indian Law Review, and will receive copies of Felix S. Cohen’s handbook of Federal Indian Law, provided by LEXIS.

Topics: Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian law or indigenous peoples. However, topics recently published in the American Indian Law Review will not be favored.

Eligibility: The competition is open to students enrolled in J.D. or graduate law programs at accredited law schools in the United States and Canada as of the competition deadline of Jan. 31, 2014. Editors of the American Indian Law Review are not eligible to compete.

Judges: Papers will be judged by members of the legal profession with an interest in American Indian Law and by the editors of the American Indian Law Review.

Standards: Papers will be judged on the basis of originality and timeliness of topic, knowledge and use of applicable legal principles, proper and articulate analysis of the issues, use of authorities and extent of research, logic and reasoning in analysis, ingenuity and ability to argue by analogy, clarity and organization, correctness of format and citations, grammar and writing style, and strength of logic conclusions.

Form: Entries must be a minimum of 20 double-spaced pages in length and a maximum of 50 double-spaced pages in length excluding footnotes or endnotes. All citations should conform to The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (19th ed.). The body of the email must contain the author’s name, social security number, school, expected year of graduation, current address, permanent address, and email address. Inquiries may be replied to by email. No identifying marks (name, school, etc.) should appear on the paper itself. All entries must have only one author. Entries must be unpublished, not currently submitted for publication elsewhere, and not currently entered in other writing competitions. Papers entered in the American Indian Law Review writing competition may not be submitted for consideration to any other publication until such time as winning entrants are announced. Any entries not fully in accord with required form will be ineligible for consideration.

Submission: Submissions may be emailed to the American Indian Law Review at mwaters@ou.edu by the competition deadline. Entries may be sent as Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or PDF documents. Although email submissions are preferred, hardcopies are acceptable. If submitting hardcopies, mail them to AILR Writing Competition, American Indian Law Review, 300 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019. Please send an email to mwaters@ou.edu on or before the deadline to notify the AILR that you are sending a hardcopy submission.

Contact: Telephone Numbers (405) 325-2840 and (405) 325-5191
Fax (405) 325-6282
E-mail epayne@ou.edu
Website http://www.ailr.net/writecomp
Deadline: February 14, 2014 by midnight CST


First Place: $3,000
Second Place: $1,500
Third Place: $500


Purpose: The center for International Law at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago sponsors the Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition to encourage outstanding student scholarship that promotes greater interest in, and understanding of, the law of capital markets.


Topic: Please submit an original essay on a topic of your choice that addresses some aspect of the law of capital markets, including securities, commodities, futures, options, derivatives, and related issues.

Rules: The essay must be an original work. Each entrant is limited to one entry only. The essay must not currently be under consideration for publication by any other publication or have been compensated by another publisher.

Specifications: All entries must be submitted electronically to 7aruldos@jmls.edu Please reference “Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition” in the subject line. The paper should be in Word, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font on 8.5”x11” paper with one-inch margins. Papers must be submitted with endnotes. Entries should be between 25-30 pages long, not including endnotes. Endnotes and citations should conform to The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation. Please visit the Writing Competition website to download the Writing Competition cover sheet at http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition

Review process: The center for International Law will notify all authors via email within seven days that their submissions have been received. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2014.

For more information visit http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition
Deadline: February 16, 2014 by 11:59pm EST

2014 - International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition (International Humanitarian Law)

The Organizers will grant two awards for the two best papers submitted. Prizes include a one-year student membership with the American Society of International Law; the opportunity to present papers at a virtual conference that will be broadcast on the webpage of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; a certificate confirming that the student has won the 2014 International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition.

Topic: The theme of the 2014 Competition is “International Humanitarian Law and Emerging Technologies.” Papers should focus on the ways in which IHL intersects with emerging technologies such as nanotechnologies, drones, autonomous systems, cyber warfare technologies, etc. Papers without a direct focus on this theme will not be reviewed.

Eligibility and Requirements: Papers must be written by students currently enrolled in a law degree program at a U.S. or foreign law school as of the submission deadline. Submissions must be unpublished academic papers written solely in English by the candidate. Please see the competition website for further details and requirements for submission. The deadline for submission is Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 11:59pm EST.

Please visit http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm for more details.

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TeachingIHL@wcl.american.edu
www.WCLCenterforHR.org
Deadline: February 21, 2014 by 11:59p.m. CST

2014 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest (Ethics Law)

First Place: $5,000

Contest Mission: The contest encourages original and innovative research and writing in the area of legal malpractice law, professional liability insurance and loss prevention.

Topic: This year’s contest hypothetical involves questions about the expanding use of social media by attorneys and law firms and focuses on the legal, ethical and professionalism issues that can arise in those forums.

The Assignment: The 2014 Contest Essay Hypothetical involves questions about the expanding use of social media by attorneys and law firms and focuses on the legal, ethical and professionalism issues that can arise in those forums.

Sponsors: The Bert W. Levit Essay Contest is conducted by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability and the San Francisco law firm of Long & Levit LLP. The 2014 contest is administered and judged by a subcommittee designated by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability.

For full details, please visit http://bit.ly/Levit2014
Deadline: March 31, 2014

2014 – Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition (Native American Law)

First Place: $750
Second Place: $500
Third Place: $250

The winning entry will also be published in the 2014 Symposium compendium of materials. Second and third place entries will be published if space permits.

Who? John B. Doolin was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 1972, and he served as Chief Justice from 1987-1988. He loved to read and write, collect Indian art, and buy Navajo rugs. He recognized the need for a forum to address Native American issues as a result of his service on the Indian Affairs Committee at the National Chief Justices’ Conference. He authorized the formation of the Sovereignty Symposium in 1988.

What? The Supreme Court of Oklahoma and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. are sponsoring a writing competition open to all students enrolled in an accredited law school in the United States, its territories or Canada.

When? In conjunction with Sovereignty Symposium XXVII, which will be held June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a scholarly collection of legal and historical writings will be presented to all participants. Legal libraries all over the United States regularly solicit copies of the publications for their collections.

Topics: The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples.

Form: The entries in the writing competition must be not less than thirty (30) single-spaced pages nor more than fifty (50) single-spaced pages in length. The paper used shall be 8-1/2” x 11” in size. The title of the paper, the name of the author and a current mailing address and telephone number must be placed on a cover page. Only the title of the paper should appear at the top of the first page of the text. The author’s name should appear on the cover page only. Use a 12-point font in Times New Roman format. Again, the document should be single spaced. The left and right margins must be 2”; the top and bottom margins must be 1.5”.

Submissions: Papers must be submitted in Word or Word Perfect format. E-mail the formatted version to kyle.shifflett@oscn.net

Judges: Papers are evaluated for: Timelines of Subject; Originality; Legal Analysis; Use of Authority; Creativity of Arguments; Strength and Logic of Conclusions; Grammar; Punctuation and Writing Style.

Contact: For further information, contact (405) 556-9371, or email sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net.
**Deadline: May 1, 2014**

**2014 – The Sovereignty Symposium XXVII (Indian Law)**

First Place: $1,500  
Second Place: $1,000  
Third Place: $750

The three winning papers will be published in the annual Symposium book of materials on Indian Law.

The Sovereignty Symposium is the foremost legal gathering on Native American Law in the world. It was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues regarding Indian Law can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. Over the past twenty-seven years, the Symposium has examined a wide diversity of themes. In conjunction with the Symposium, a scholarly collection of legal and historical writings is presented to all the participants. Legal libraries all over the United States regularly solicit copies of the publication for their collection.

The Sovereignty Symposium XXVII will be held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 4 and June 5, 2014. We invite you to submit a paper.

Submissions: Submissions will only be accepted in Word or Word Perfect format by e-mail. Submissions must be emailed to kyle.shifflett@oscn.net by the deadline.

Form: The paper should be single-spaced and in footnote form. All citations should conform to the latest Edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.

Contact: For further information, contact (405) 556-9371, or email sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net.
Deadline: May 2, 2014

2014 - Technology Law Writing Contest (Technology Law)

First Place: $6,000 and the opportunity to speak at the Innovate Conference on October 9-10 of 2014.
Second Place: $2,000
Third Place: $1,000

The prize-winners will be published in the IT-Lex Journal, and will receive invitations to become write-on Members of IT-Lex.

IT-Lex is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to educational, literary, and scientific advancement in the field of technology law. Our 2014 Technology law Writing Competition is sponsored by the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP.

Eligibility: All law students in good standing at an ABA accredited law school are eligible to enter the writing competition. Submission topics must address technology law topics, and meet the criteria and specifications listed at www.it-lex.org/writing-contest.

Topic: Technology law! We strongly suggest that you review our content and categories before choosing a topic. You may submit multiple entries, but only your top-ranked submission will be eligible for prizes.

Format: Submissions must be (1) 5,000-7,500 words including footnotes, (2) in Word format, formatted with double-spaced body text and footnotes rather than endnotes, (3) conformed to the 19th edition of The Bluebook. For your article to be considered, please make sure all three of these requirement are met.

For more information visit www.it-lex.org/writing-contest
Deadline: May 16, 2014

2014 - International Association of Defense Counsel Legal Writing Contest (Civil Law)

First Prize: $2,000 and plaque
Second Prize: $1,000 and plaque
Third Prize: $500 and plaque
Honorable Mention: plaque

Eligibility: The International Association of Defense Counsel 2014 Legal Writing Contest is open to students who, at the time of submission of their entries, are enrolled as J.D. candidates in accredited law schools.

Subject Matter: Entries must be submitted in the English language on a subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation, such as relevant aspects of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, damages, alternative dispute resolution procedures, and professional ethics.

Authorship and Publication: Entries must be certified by the entrant on the IADC entry form to be the original and sole work of the entrant. At the time of submission, the entry must not have been published or accepted for publication, and the author must be free to execute the assignment of copyright to IADC referred to in Rule 7.

Judging Standards: Articles will be judged on the following factors: (1) the choice of subject matter, as measured by its significance, international or national relevance, and timeliness; (2) the amount of work and effort, as measured by the entry's comprehensiveness and analysis; (3) the quality of the legal analysis, as measured by its objectivity and balance; and (4) the writing quality, as measured by clarity of expression, brevity, and literary construction. Entrants also should consider the points made in the contest guidelines.

Directions for Transmission: Entries, together with the completed entry form, must be sent to the International Association of Defense Counsel, via electronic mail to Melisa Maisel at mmaisel@iadclaw.org.

For more information please visit http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx#1
Deadline: June 3, 2014 by Midnight EST

2014 - American College of Employee Benefits Counsel Law Student Writing Contest (Employee Benefits Law)

Clarin M. Schwartz Memorial Award $1,500
Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award $1,500

Subject: Any topic in the field of employee benefits law.

Open to: Any J.D. and graduate (L.L.M. or S.J.D) law students enrolled at any time between August 15, 2013 and August 15, 2014.

Format: Papers should not exceed 40 pages (double-spaced, in 12 point type, with an inch margin on each side), not including footnotes. Footnotes would be single spaced endnotes starting on a separate page. Papers must be submitted as email attachments to bdougherty@morganlewis.com and should be submitted as Word or PDF documents. No information identifying the author or law school should be included in the text, the footnotes or the filename. That information, an address, a telephone number and enrollment status information should be provided in the email message.

Judging: Winning papers will be selected by the Writing Competition Committee based on the factors they deem relevant. Among other factors, the Committee will consider: (i) depth and creativity of legal analysis; (ii) thoroughness of legal research; (iii) organization and writing style; (iv) difficulty of subject matter; and (v) consideration of employee benefits policy implications. The determination of the Committee is final. It is anticipated that winners will be notified by August 29, 2014, or shortly thereafter.

For more information, including format, judging, and eligibility guidelines, please visit www.acebc.com or contact Brian Dougherty at bdoughterty@morganlewis.com