

WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR LAW STUDENTS, WITH LINKS

Name of Competition	Sponsoring Organization	Writing Topic	Submission Eligibility and Requirements	Submission Deadline	Prize
<u>Weisblatt Law Firm Scholarship</u>	Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC	Should non-competes be enforced? What about the employee's need for subsequent employment? How should courts strike this balance and what factors should they consider?	The ability to apply for this scholarship is open to any individual currently enrolled in a college or graduate program, or actively applying to attend one such program in 2018.	7/15/18	\$1,000
<u>Ultimate Writer Regional Legal Writing Competition</u>	Texas Young Lawyers Association	The Ultimate Writer Competition will test your abilities to review a packet of materials and draft a real-world legal document based on the packet and writing prompt. Sign up on TWEN before 20 October to receive updated information and access the closed research trial brief problem.	Second and third-year law students may apply. Contact Professor Neil Sobol for more information.	10/27/17	1st place: \$3,000 cash prize and trophy 2nd place: \$1,500 cash prize and trophy 3rd place: \$500 cash prize and trophy
<u>Pergam, Albert S. International law Writing Competition Award</u>	New York State Bar Association International Section	Any area of public or private international law.	35 pp max	11/11/17	\$2,000 (1st) Possible publication
<u>Securities Law Writing Competition</u>	Association of Securities and Exchange Commission alumni, Inc.	Any subject in the field of securities law	Students must be enrolled at any accredited law school in the United States for the 2016 fall semester. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2016, and papers scheduled for publication in 2016 or 2017 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible.	11/12/17	1st Place \$5,000 2nd place \$3,000 3rd place \$2,000
<u>Haiku Contest for Law Students</u>	ABA	Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions and the U.S. Constitution	Member of the ABA law student division. Original, unpublished work by one author.	11/15/17	\$300 Apple Store Gift Card (1st) \$100 Apple Store Gift Card (2nd)
<u>10th Annual National Essay Contest</u>	Center for Alcohol Policy	Define temperance as it would apply in today's alcohol marketplace.	The contest is open to all persons who are over the age of 18 as of December 2017. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and members of the general public are encouraged to submit essays.	12/1/17	\$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000
<u>Center for Alcohol Policy Essay Contest</u>	Center for Alcohol Policy	Should temperance still be recognized as a permissible goal of alcohol regulation?	The contest is open to all persons who are over the age of 18 as of December 2017. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and members of the general public are encouraged to submit essays.	12/1/17	First \$5,000 Second \$2,500 Third \$1,000
<u>National Business Law Scholarship</u>	Brown, PC	Candidates should submit a cover letter summarizing their interest in business law.	A second or third year U.S. law student with a demonstrated interest in business law.	12/1/2017	\$500
<u>ABA Health Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Health Law	Any aspect of health law not addressed in the past 2-3 years in The Health Lawyer.	20-35 pp nomination requirements	12/1/17	\$500, publication, conference
<u>Center for Alcohol Policy Essay Contest</u>	Center for Alcohol Policy	Why are various types of alcohol regulated in different ways? Should they be?	The contest is open to all persons who are over the age of 18 as of December 2016.	12/1/17	\$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000
<u>American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers Annual Writing Competition</u>	American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers	Some aspect of consumer financial services law. Securities regulation, insurance, or banking regulation are eligible ONLY if they bear directly on consumer financial services.	Entries are eligible if they have been written or published within the twelve months preceding the due date.	12/1/17	\$1,000 for student work

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<u>Stein, Dr. Emanuel and Kenneth Stein Memorial Law Student Writing Competition</u>	New York State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section	Any current issue involving labor or employment law. the scope of permissible topics for the article is broad, i.e., any aspect of public or private labor or employment law.	20 pp max. Original, unpublished work by one author.	12/8/17	\$3,000 (1st) \$2,000 (2nd) \$1,000 (3rd)
<u>Hartrick Scholar Writing Competition</u>	Institute for Energy Law	Any topic related to energy development, including oil and gas law, alternative energy resources, energy regulation, environmental regulation of the energy industries.	8,000 words max. (Scroll down on the page for the 2016 Call for Papers)	12/8/17	\$2,500 Symposium
<u>Dukeminier Awards Student Writing Competition</u>	The Williams Institute UCLA School of Law	Any cutting-edge legal issue affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/ or transgender communities,	40 pp max	12/15/17	\$1,000
<u>Expert Institute's Legal Blog Writing Contest</u>	Expert Institute	Article on the use of expert witnesses in litigation	1,500-2,500 words max in blog post format. Original unpublished work by one author.	12/31/17	\$2,000 (1st) Blog Publication (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
<u>Antitrust Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Write an article about antitrust, including: Civil and Criminal Antitrust Law, Competition Policy, Consumer Protection, and International Competition Law.	Articles published in ABA-accredited schools' law reviews or journals between January 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018 qualify.	1/31/18	\$2,500
<u>RICHARD D. CUDAHY WRITING COMPETITION ON REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>	American Constitution Society for Law and Policy	Submissions should be related to American regulatory or administrative law, broadly construed.	The competition is open to all lawyers and law students.	2/5/18	\$1,500
<u>Scribes Law Review Award</u>	Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers	Student-written article in a law review or journal	To submit an entry, please email scribeslegalwriters@gmail.com for more information and to receive an entry form.	2/28/18	TBA
<u>Tenth Annual ABI Bankruptcy Law Student Writing Competition</u>	American Bankruptcy Institute	We invite papers on current issues regarding bankruptcy jurisdiction, bankruptcy litigation, or evidence in bankruptcy cases or proceedings.	Law Students.	3/1/18	\$2,000 and publication \$1,250 and publication \$750 and publication
<u>Trandafir International Business Writing Competition</u>	University of Iowa College of Law	Any contemporary international business or economic concern.	The competition is open to law students and to graduate students in all disciplines.	3/18	\$2,000 and publication
<u>Companion Animal Law Writing Contest</u>	American Kennel Club	Companion animal pet injury or pet custody.	Entrants must be enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States.	3/30/18	\$2,500 \$500
<u>2018 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Criminal Justice	How has the emergence of various technologies impacted the "reasonableness" of privacy expectations? Has social media, information technology, and surveillance technology available to the public reduced what one may honestly believe is private?"	Student at an accredited US law school, member of the ABA, US citizen or LPR. Original, unpublished work by one author.	7/1/18	\$2,500 Publication, event

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<u>Public Contract Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Public contract law.	The competition is open to all law students in good standing and attending an ABA accredited law school.	9/30/17	\$5,000, publication, possible presentation
<u>Bruce M. Stargatt Legal Ethics Writing Competition</u>	Delaware Bar Foundation	Scholarly papers concerning ethical issues in the practice of law.	The competition is open to students enrolled in, and 2017 graduates of any American Bar Association accredited law school.	9/15/17	Cash prizes of \$3000, \$1000, and \$500 will be awarded to the top three papers.
<u>James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration and Law Competition</u>	PIABA Foundation	Securities Law or Securities Arbitration	All students who attend law school in the United States.	9/8/17	1st- \$1,000 and publication 2nd- \$750 3rd- \$500
<u>National Security Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security	Issues of electronic surveillance, cybersecurity, regulation of cryptocurrency, law of armed conflict, legality of the use of force in various contexts by the United States and foreign nations, and the complex risks of sharing secret or confidential information among agencies or between governments.	The competition is open to all students who are in attendance at an ABA accredited law school between January 1, 2016 and July 15, 2017.	8/15/17	\$500, conference
<u>8th International Jacques Leroy Prize</u>	Union Internationale des Avocats	How can companies limit the impacts of natural resource exploitation on the rights of local populations and avoid fuelling conflicts in their relations with the authorities, these populations, and their international partners and subsidiaries?	Law students under 30. Documents may be written in English, French or Spanish.	7/31/17	€ 1,000, free registration for the 2016 Toronto – Canada Congress, year's free membership in the UIA.
<u>Eisenberg Prize</u>	American Academy of Appellate Lawyers	Appellate practice and procedure.	To be considered for the Eisenberg Prize, articles must have been published in a law school journal between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017.	7/17/17	Award - \$2,000
<u>Committee On Animals And The Law Student Writing Competition</u>	New York State Bar Association	Any topic on Animal Law.	To be eligible for consideration, the submission must be written by a student currently enrolled (full time or part time) in an ABA-accredited law school.	7/14/17	\$1,000 and a certificate of achievement \$500 and a certificate of achievement
<u>Court of Federal Claims Law Student Writing Competition</u>	United States Court of Federal Claims Bar Association	Current topics that lie within the jurisdiction of the United States Court of Federal Claims.	Any law student in good standing currently enrolled at or graduated from an ABA accredited law school during the 2016-2017 academic year may enter the competition.	7/14/17	\$3,500
<u>New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals and The Law Student Writing Competition</u>	New York State Bar Association Animal Law Section	Any topic on Animal Law.	Currently enrolled in ABA accredited law school. One author. Unpublished essay. Max. 25 pages.	7/14/17	\$1,000 \$500

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<u>Tannenwald Writing Competition</u>	The Theodore Tannenwald Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel	Technical or policy-oriented tax issues relating to any existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or tax system (including ethical and professional responsibility issues).	Original work by one author. Sponsored by professor.	7/5/17	\$5,000 (1st) Publication \$2,500 (2nd) \$1,500 (3rd)
<u>Burger, Warren E. Prize</u>	American Inns of Court	One or more significant, contemporary aspects of excellence in legal skills, professionalism, civility, or ethics, relevant to the legal community.	10,000-20,000 words	7/1/17	\$5000 + publication
<u>George Jay Joseph Award</u>	Education Law Association	Current or emerging legal issue in education, from K-12 schools to higher education, but especially elementary and secondary public education.	35-55 pp. Original work by one author.	7/1/17	Publication
<u>Palmer, Roy C. Civil Liberties Prize</u>	IT Chicago-Kent College of Law	A work of scholarship that explores the tension between civil liberties and national security in contemporary American society.	Previously published works are eligible if published within one year of the July 1 deadline.	7/1/17	\$10,000
<u>Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition</u>	Asian Pacific ABA Educational Fund	Submissions should address a legal topic of importance to the Asian Pacific American community.	The competition is open to all law students nationwide in the United States.	7/1/17	\$1,500 and publication.
<u>K. William Kolbe Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law	Current topic of general interest in a legal area covered by the Section. including specific industries that provide certain important, in some cases, essential, services to the general public.	50 pp max. Unpublished work by a member of the ABA Law Student Division	6/30/17	\$2,500 Meeting
<u>Larry M. Simonsmeier Writing Award</u>	American Society for Pharmacy Law	Article furthering knowledge in the law related to pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical care, manufacture and distribution of drugs, and other food, drug, and medical device policy issues.	Work published or accepted for publication in any English-language peer-reviewed journal (including law reviews) from January 2013 through December 2014.	6/30/17	Honorarium and Meeting,
<u>ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law 2017 Writing contest</u>	ABA	A current topic dealing with real property, trust, and estate law	Open to any law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, who is currently attending an ABA accredited law school within the United States and its possessions, and who is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.	6/30/17	1st place \$2,500 + scholarship 2nd place \$1,500 3rd place \$1,000
<u>Environmental Law Essay Contest</u>	State Bar of Michigan	Any environmental law topic of current interest to Michigan environmental lawyers.	10-25 pp, unpublished work. Follow the Michigan Uniform System of Citation	6/30/17	\$2,000, publicaion
<u>LCCHP Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation</u>	The Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation	Any aspect of cultural heritage law relating to art, terrestrial and submerged cultural property, historic preservation, indigenous peoples, and intangible cultural heritage, but not intellectual property or family law issues, except as they relate to material cultural heritage.	Original work by one author, written after July 1, 2014. 20-40 pp.	6/30/17	\$1,000 (1st) \$500 (2nd)
<u>Robert C. Watson Award</u>	AIPLA	Students are encouraged to submit articles on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property.	Judges consider the merit of the article as a contribution to the knowledge respecting intellectual property and the extent to which it displays original and creative thought or information not previously written or published by an author.	6/30/17	Jun 22, 1905
<u>Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition</u>	California Supreme Court Historical Society	Original, unpublished scholarly writing on any aspect of California legal history.	The submission must be written during the student's enrollment in a school of law.	6/30/17	1st Place: \$2,500 and publication; 2nd Place: \$500; 3rd Place: \$250

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<u>James Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition</u>	ABA	The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. Essays must be limited to 15-25 typewritten pages, including footnotes or endnotes.	The competition is open to all full and part-time J.D. law students at an ABA-accredited law school who are legal permanent residents or citizens of the U.S.	6/16/17	\$1,000, possible publication
<u>Mary Moers Wenig Writing Competitions</u>	American College of Trust and Estate Counsel	Trusts and estates.	J.D. or LL.M. candidate, ABA-accredited law school. Unpublished papers. Original work of a single individual. A co-authored paper by no more than two individuals is acceptable.	6/15/17	1st Place: \$5,000, 2nd Place: \$3,000, 3rd Place: \$1,000
<u>The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers Writing Competition</u>	The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers	Any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar--but not limited to the law of a single state.	Authors may not have graduated from law school prior to December 1, 2016. Graduate students in law school (LLM candidates) are not eligible.	6/15/17	1st Place: \$3,000, 2nd Place: \$1,000, 3rd Place: \$500
<u>Austern, H. Thomas Memorial Writing Competitions</u>	The Food and Drug Law Institute	Law that affects food, drugs, animal drugs, biologics, cosmetics, diagnostics, dietary supplements, medical devices or tobacco.	Page limit depends on shorter or longer essay competition.	6/12/17	\$ 4,000 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd)
<u>Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition</u>	Mercer University School of Law	Any aspect of disability law, theory, or practice. Issues arising under: Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Family and Medical Leave Act; or any state statutes or municipal ordinances prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.	Submissions should be trial-level or appellate briefs.	6/9/17	First Prize will range between \$300 and \$1,000, depending on whether multiple awards are given.
<u>ABA Forum on Construction Law Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Any topic related to construction law.	The competition is open to all law students in good standing and attending an ABA accredited law school during any of 2016 or 2017.	6/5/17	\$2,000, possible publication
<u>Smith- Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition</u>	American Planning Association	A question of significance in either city planning or associated areas of law (e.g., land use, local government or environmental law).	The competition is open to law students at ABA accredited law schools and planning students at schools listed in the current Guide to Undergraduate and Graduate Education in Urban and Regional Planning who are enrolled in or who will complete a program of study leading to the J.D., LL.B., Masters or Ph.D. degree during the 2016-2017 academic year.	6/5/17	1st place \$2,000 and possible publication; Second Place \$400; Honorable Mention \$100
<u>Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition</u>	The Planning & Law Division of the American Planning Association	Original thought on a significant question in city planning or associated areas of law (e.g., land use, local government or environmental law).	45 pp max. Original unpublished work by one author.	6/5/17	\$2,000 (1st) Publication \$400 (2nd) \$100 (3rd)
<u>Employee Benefits Writing Prize</u>	The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel	Any topic in the field of employee benefits law.	40 pp max. Unpublished work.	6/1/17	\$1,500
<u>IDEA Student Intellectual Property Writing Competition</u>	University of New Hampshire IDEA Intellectual Property Law Review	Paper must focus on intellectual property law.	Original work by one author	5/26/17	\$500 (1st) Publication \$200 (2nd)
<u>Domestic Violence Annual Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Commission on Domestic Violence	Domestic and sexual violence and the law from a national or international perspective. Must further the legal needs of victims or their children, or advance efforts to address intimate partner violence.	7500 words max. Student at accredited US law school. Original unpublished work	5/19/17	(1st) Resolution from ABA Commission, honorarium, publication

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<u>Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Competition</u>	ABA	Administrative Law	Student at an accredited US law school, member of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Reg. Practice, and a US citizen or LPR. Original work by one author.	5/1/17	\$500
<u>Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS) Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice section	Current topic of national interest in a legal area covered by the section's broad substantive law committees.	10,000 words max, including FNs. Original unpublished work by student in good academic standing.	5/1/17	\$1,500 (1st) Meeting Possible publication \$500 (2nd)
<u>Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition</u>	ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice	The entry must discuss any topic relating to administrative law.	The Competition is open to law students who are, at the time of entry, (a) enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school, (b) members of the ABA and the Section, (c) at least 18 years old, and (d) U.S. citizens.	5/1/2017	\$5,000 and possible publication
<u>The AAJ Class Action Litigation Group Law Student Writing Competition</u>	American Association for Justice Class Action Litigation Group	Any topic associated with class action jurisprudence on the state or federal level.	Students must be enrolled at any law school during the 2016-2017 academic year. Papers must be the student's original work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere.	4/30/17	\$2,000 first place \$1,000 second place \$500 third place
<u>Schwab, Howard C. Memorial Essay Contest</u>	ABA Section of Family Law	Any issue of family law, such as dissolution of marriage and other intimate relationships, relationships of persons of the same sex, parentage, custody, and child support.	5,000 words max. Original work by one author, a 2nd or 3rd yr student at an accredited US law school. Request your entry number by April 14, 2017.	4/28/17	\$1,500 (1st) \$750 (2nd) \$350 (3rd) Certificate Possible publication
<u>Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition</u>	National LGBT Bar Association	Legal issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or intersex community.	Students enrolled at an ABA accredited law school during the 2016-2017 academic year.	4/21/17	\$1,000, conference, publication
<u>Crane, Jameson III Disability and the Law Writing Competition</u>	Thomas Jefferson School of Law	Any topic relating to disability law including employment, gov't services and programs, public accommodations, education, housing, and health care.	Original work by one author, unpublished, produced in conjunction with course work or under faculty supervision at home institution. 35 pp max.	4/15/17	\$1,500 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd)
<u>Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest Section of Family Law</u>	American Bar Association Section of Family Law	Family Law	The contest is open to second and third-year full-time J.D. students (and second through fourth-year part-time J.D. students) of all ABA-approved law schools, law is taught as part of the first year curriculum. and to first year J.D. students where family law is taught as part of the first year curriculum.	4/14/17	1st Place: \$13,00, 2nd Place: \$750, 3rd Place: \$350
<u>Beveridge & Diamond Constitutional Environmental Law Writing Competition</u>	Environmental Law Institute	Any topic addressing developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a significant constitutional or "federalism" component.	Student at accredited US law school.	4/10/17	\$2,000 Publication
<u>Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Annual Law Student Writing Competition</u>	Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section	Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law	20 pp max ABA law student division member	4/3/17	\$500 toward conference, publication

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<u>Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Competition</u>	Public Citizen	Impact of Corporate Personhood on American Life	50 pp max. Original work by one author and not as paid legal work outside of law school.	4/1/17	\$5,000
<u>III Prize in International Insolvency Studies</u>	International Insolvency Institute	The III Prize is awarded for original legal research, commentary or analysis on topics of international insolvency and restructuring significance and on comparative international analysis of domestic insolvency and restructuring issues and developments.	The Prize Competition is open to full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students and to practitioners in practice for nine years or less.	3/31/17	Gold Medal Prize Silver Medal Prize Bronze Medal Prize Finalist Prizes
<u>International Insolvency Institute Writing Competition</u>	International Insolvency Institute	The III Prize is awarded for original legal research, commentary or analysis on topics of international insolvency and restructuring significance and on comparative international analysis of domestic insolvency and restructuring issues and developments.	The Prize Competition is open to full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students and to practitioners in practice for nine years or less. Entries must not have been published prior to October 2016 and must be available to be posted on the International Insolvency Institute website.	3/31/17	Gold Medal Prize , Silver Medal Prize, Bronze Medal Prize, Finalist Prizes. The Prizes are accompanied by an honorarium for the Medal winners.
<u>Sports Law Association Writing Competition</u>	Sports Law Association	Choose a current issue in Sports Law and Advocate a position.	Each entrant must be a current law or LLM student and 18 years of age or older, and member in good standing of the Sports Lawyers Association.	3/20/17	first place \$5,000 and publication second place \$3,000 third place \$2,000
<u>2017 SE/SW People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference</u>	Southern University Law Center	The article must be a cutting-edge piece related to law, policy, law and society or any issue that relates to the 2017 conference theme: Change We Can Believe In? Examining the Post-Obama Era.	The 2017 competition is open to all students currently enrolled in a J.D. at an ASA-accredited law school during the 2016-2017 academic year.	3/15/17	First Place-\$1,000 cash award Second Place - \$500 cash award Third Place - A book on publishing
<u>2017 Affordable Housing & Community Development Law Legal Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law.	Open to all law students who at the time of entry,(a) enrolled in a law school that is at the time of entry, ABA Accredited,(b) members of the ABA and the Forum, (c) at least 18 years old, and (d) U.S. citizens. Employees of the ABA, its respective affiliates, and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible for the Competition. 25-50 double-spaced pages	3/3/17	\$1,000 and conference reimbursement
<u>Affordable Housing & Community Development 2015 Law Student Legal Writing Competition</u>	ABA Forum on Affordable Housing & Community Development	Any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law.	Original, unpublished work by one author, 20-25 pp double spaced	3/3/17	\$1,000 Conference
<u>Conner, William C. Writing Competition</u>	The New York Intellectual Property Law Association	Directed to one of the traditional subject areas of intellectual property, i.e., patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair trade practices and antitrust.	20 pp max	3/3/17	\$1,500.00 (1st) \$1,000.00 (2nd)
<u>Hon. William C. Conner Writing Competition</u>	THE NEW YORK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION	Patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair trade practices and antitrust.	The competition is open to students enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M. program (day or evening).	3/3/17	Winner- \$1,500 Runner up- \$1,000

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<u>AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Awards</u>	American Association of Law Libraries	Any subject relevant to law librarianship.	Submissions in the Open, New Member and Short Divisions must be submitted by March 1, 2017. Articles in the Student Division must be received by May 16, 2017.	3/1/17	\$650; \$300
<u>Energy Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources	Any issue related to energy law—advocating a position, educating an audience on an issue, analyzing a case, etc.	2,000 words max Original, unpublished work by one author.	3/1/17	\$700 (1st) \$500 (2nd) \$250 (3rd) Publication
<u>Louis Jackson National Student Memorial Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law</u>	Chicago-Kent College of Law	Employment and Labor Law	Students and professionals	2/28/17	1st place \$3,000 Two Runners up \$1,000 each
<u>Sarah Weddington Writing Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights</u>	Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) and the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR)	"Balancing Burdens and Benefits after Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt."	20 pp max	2/27/17	\$750 (1st) \$500 (2nd) \$250 (3rd)
<u>Jackson, Louis Memorial National Student Writing Competition in Employment and labor Law</u>	Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Institute for Law and the Workplace	Any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination.	35 pp max. Unpublished essay by author who has completed or is taking course work in employment or labor law.	2/27/17	\$3,000 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd) \$3,000 (3rd)
<u>Sarah Weddington Writing Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights</u>	Center for Reproductive Rights and the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at U.C. Berkeley School of Law	Reproductive rights and justice issues in the United States	Only original scholarship by current J.D. or LL.M. law students or 2016 graduates will be accepted. Minimum 20 pp.	2/27/17	\$750 (1st place) \$500 (2nd place) \$250 (3rd place)
<u>New York State Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Law Student Writing Competition</u>	New York State Bar Association Business Law Section	Timely, clear, concise original article relevant to Journal's audience of New York business lawyers--showing a high quality of research.	3,000 words max, unpublished. Spring issue deadline February 15; Fall issue deadline August 15.	2/15/17	\$1,500 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd)
<u>Constance Baker Motley National Student Writing Competition</u>	The American Constitution Society (ACS) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School ACS Chapter	Constitution, law, and public policy	Any full-time or part-time law student currently enrolled in a J.D., LL.M. or S.J.D. program at a United States law school is eligible to participate. All entrants must be a student member of the national American Constitution Society for Law and Policy. You may join online at www.ACSLaw.org/join	2/12/17	\$3,000, \$1,000.
<u>Motley, Constance Baker National Student Writing Competition</u>	American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and University of Pennsylvania Law School	Paper furthering a progressive vision of the Constitution--viewed broadly to include Civil Legal Aid, Criminal Justice, Disability Rights, Education, Federalism, Freedom of Speech, Immigration, Money in Politics, Labor Law, Privacy, Racial Equality, Religion, Second Amendment, Reproductive Rights, Voting, etc.	25-50 pp unpublished work	2/12/17	\$3,000 (1st) Publication \$1,000 (2nd) \$1,000 (3rd)
<u>Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law</u>	American Constitution Society for Law and Policy	Topic related to American regulatory or administrative law, broadly construed. .	Unpublished (or published no more than one year prior to competition deadline). 25,000 words max.	2/5/17	\$1,500

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<u>Spoon, Elliot A. Business Law Writing Competition</u>	Michigan University College of Law	Any business or securities law article	Student at an accredited US law school	2/5/17	\$500 and publication in the Journal of Business & Securities Law
<u>Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law</u>	American Constitution Society for Law and Policy	Regulatory and Administrative Law	Practicing lawyers, policymakers, academics, and law students are all welcome to take part. We encourage participants to view this topic broadly and accept submissions on a variety of substantive areas.	2/5/17	\$1,500
<u>American Indian Law Review</u>	University of Oklahoma	Any issue concerning American Indian law or indigenous peoples.	Students enrolled in J.D. or graduate law programs. 20-50 double-spaced pages.	1/31/17	1st Place: \$1,000, 2nd Place: \$500, 3rd Place: \$250
<u>Antitrust Law Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Antitrust Law	Article of general interest to antitrust law community, including: Civil and Criminal Antitrust Law, Competition Policy, Consumer Protection, and International Competition Law.	Published in an ABA-accredited school's law journal between 1-1-14 and 3-1-15. Ed-in-Chief may nominate one article. 20-30 pp, Original, unpublished work by one author, not for class.	1/31/17	\$2,500 Meeting
<u>Jensen Annual Scholarship Essay</u>	Jensen and Associates	What is the historical relationship between U.S. federal income tax rates and levels of employment/unemployment?	15,000 words	1/31/17	\$3,000 (1ST) \$2,000 (2ND) \$1500 (3RD)
<u>Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Antitrust law, competition policy, and consumer protection law	Articles published in ABA-accredited schools' law reviews or journals between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2017 qualify.	1/31/17	Award - 1st Place: \$1,000, Runner-up: \$500
<u>Ohio State Bar Association Environmental Law Award</u>	Ohio State Bar Association	Environmental, energy, or resources law in the State of Ohio.	Entrant must be currently enrolled in law school. The submission must be the student's original, unpublished, and uncopyrighted work.	1/31/17	\$1,000 first place; \$250 second place
<u>University of Oklahoma College of Law American Indian Law Review Student Writing Competition</u>	Univ. of Oklahoma College of Law, American Indian Law Review	Any issue concerning American Indian law or indigenous peoples. Topics NOT recently published in the American Indian Law Review are favored.	20-50 pp. Original, unpublished work by one author	1/31/17	\$1,000 (1st) Publication . \$500 (2nd) \$250 (3rd)
<u>Epstein Becker Green Health Law Writing Competition</u>	Epstein Becker Green	Health or health care law.	The submission period for the 18th Annual Health Law Writing Competition closed on January 25, 2016. Please visit this page in December 2016 for details about the 19th Annual competition.	1/27/17	First Place: \$4,000, Second Place: \$2,000, Third Place: \$500
<u>Ladas Memorial Award Competition</u>	International Trademark Association	Trademark law or a matter that directly relates to, or affects, trademarks.	25 pp max	1/18/17	\$2,500 Meeting Publication
<u>Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition</u>	Thomas Jefferson School of Law	Any topic relating to disability law, including legal issues arising with respect to employment, government services and programs, public accommodations, education, higher education, housing, and health care.	Open to currently enrolled law students, medical students, and doctoral candidates in related fields who attend an accredited graduate program of study in the United States.	1/15/17	First place \$1,500, possible publication. Two second-places \$1,000 each.

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<u>Law Student Writing Competition 2016</u>	Pacific Legal Foundation	2015 topics concern racial discrimination, the Clean Water Act, and the "sharing economy." IMPORTANT: See website for the year's list of specific legal topics.	Original work done exclusively by one author	1/13/17	\$3,000 (1st) Gala \$2,000 (2nd) \$1,000 (3rd)
<u>Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition</u>	Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation	Any original paper concerning federal taxation.	All full-time and part-time law students currently seeking a juris doctor (J.D.) or a master of laws (LL.M.) at an accredited law school are eligible to enter the competition. Papers must be a minimum of twenty pages and a maximum of fifty pages.	1/9/17	\$2,000 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd) Conference
<u>19th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition</u>	The Grammy Foundation and the ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries	Issues currently facing the music industry.	This contest is open to juris doctorate candidates currently enrolled at an ABA accredited law school as of 1 January 2017. LLM and any other advanced degree candidates are not eligible.	1/6/17	First place receives \$5,000. Four finalists will receive \$1,500.
<u>Hershman, Mendes Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Business Law Section	Areas of law that arise in such courses as Agency, Creditor's Rights, Bankruptcy, Financial Institutions, Employment Law, Business Organizations, Insurance, Oil and Gas, Consumer Law, Professional Responsibility, Contracts, Remedies, Secured Transactions Corporate Governance, Securities Regulations, Corporations and the UCC.	Usually 20-30 pp double spaced (100 pp limit). Work written in 2013-14 academic year by a student at an accredited U.S. law school.	1/6/17	\$2,500 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd) \$500 (3rd) Possible publication. Meeting
<u>Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest</u>	American Bar Association	Business Law	Author of the paper must be a student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school's J.D. program at the time of submission	1/6/17	Award - \$2,500
<u>American College of Legal Medicine Student Writing Competition in Law, Medicine & Bioethics</u>	American College of Legal Medicine	Any aspect of legal medicine.	Currently enrolled in an accredited Law program in US or Canada. Unpublished paper not to exceed 5,000 words or 15 pages in length.	1/5/17	1st Place: \$1,000, 2nd Place: \$750, 3rd Place: \$500
<u>Medicine & Bioethics Student Writing Competition in Law</u>	American College of Legal Medicine	Any aspect of legal medicine, including medical licensure and regulation, business aspects of medical practice, liability of physicians, hospitals, drug manufacturers, public health, food and drug law, medical research, forensic science, and the history of legal medicine.	5,000 words max. Original, unpublished work by one author.	1/5/17	\$1,000 (1st) Annual Meeting \$500 (2nd) \$250 (3rd)
<u>Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration</u>	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	Discuss the ways in which the medical and legal professions may work together collaboratively to address the problem of excessive, unnecessary, wasteful, and inefficient provision of medical services in the U.S.	Original, unpublished work by one author.	1/2/17	\$250
<u>College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers 2014 Writing Competition for Law Students</u>	College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers	Any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present a public policy issue, critique of a leading case or doctrine, or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification.	Original unpublished work by one author	1/1/17	\$2,000 (1st) \$1,500 (2nd) \$1,000 (3rd)

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<u>Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Writing Contest</u>	Grammy Foundation	Proposed solution to a compelling legal issue confronting the music industry.	This contest is open to juris doctorate candidates currently enrolled at an ABA accredited law school. LLM and any other advanced degree candidates are not eligible.	1/1/17	\$5,000 (1st) \$1,500 (4 Runner-ups) GRAMMY ticket
<u>Private International Law Prize</u>	American Society of International Law	Any topic of private international law.		10/5/16	\$400 stipend for conference
<u>Public Contract Law Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA Section of Public Contract Law	Topic of interest to public contract and grant law community.	Student at U.S. law school as of 9/30/15. Original, unpublished work by one author.	9/30/16	\$5,000 (1st) \$2,500 (2nd) \$1,000 (3rd) Possible publication
<u>Beckley, James E. Securities Arbitration and Law Writing Competition</u>	Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association	Any aspect of Securities Law; Securities Arbitration; The Federal Arbitration Act, Title 9, US Code, Section 1-14; or FINRA Code of Arbitration. Should advocate a position on the topic area chosen.	25 pp max. Original work by one author.	9/16/16	\$1,000 (1st) \$750 (2nd) \$500 (3rd)
<u>Brown, Judge John R. Award</u>	The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation	Any legal topic.	Letter of recommendation from a law school faculty member or legal professional other than the author of the paper	8/19/16	\$10,000
<u>Catherine Albiston Prize for Recent Developments on Gender, Law & Justice</u>	Berkeley Journal of Gender Law & Justice	Critically examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination.	The author must be enrolled as a student in law school for the Spring semester of 2016. If any part of a paper has already been published, or is to be published elsewhere, we cannot accept the piece.	7/31/16	TBA
<u>Court of Federal Claims Bar Association Law Student Writing Competition</u>	Court of Federal Claims Bar Association	Entries to the contest may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.		7/15/16	\$3,500
<u>Federal Circuit Bar Association 2015 George Hutchinson Writing Competition</u>	Federal Circuit Bar Association	Topic that lies within the substance, procedure, or scope of the specialized jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.	50 pp max	7/1/16	\$3,000
<u>Annual William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition</u>	ABA	Criminal Law	4,500 words; student must be member of ABA; original, unpublished work	5/20/16	\$2,000
<u>Greenberg, Michael Student Writing Competition</u>	LGBT Bar	Legal issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or intersex community.	25 pp max. Original unpublished work by one author. urements	5/20/16	\$1,000 (1st) Publication, conference
<u>IADC Legal Writing Contest</u>	International Association of Defense Counsel	Subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense of civil litigation, e.g. torts, insurance, civil procedure, evidence, damages, ADR, and ethics.	Original work by one author	5/20/16	\$2,000 (1st) \$1,000 (2nd) \$500 (3rd)

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<u>International Association of Defense Counsel Legal Writing Competition</u>	International Association of Defense Counsel	Tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence or other areas of the law of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense, or management of the defense of civil litigation.	The International Association of Defense Counsel 2016 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.	5/20/16	1st Place: \$2,000, 2nd Place: \$1,000, 3rd Place: \$500
<u>Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition</u>	Brooklyn Law School	An in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to customs and international trade law.	Currently enrolled in J.D. or LLM program. Maximum 40 pages.	5/2/16	\$1000.00 first prize \$500.00 second prize
<u>Intellectual Property Student Writing Competition</u>	Georgia State Law	Legal issues and challenges in the intellectual property field.	Individuals enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school are eligible to enter. Papers may not have more than one author (no co-authorship).	5/2/16	First Place: \$3,000 Second Place: \$2,000 Third Place: \$1,000
<u>National Sports Law Student Writing Competition</u>	Marquette University Law School	Any sports law related topic, preferably a specific, timely, and novel legal issue impacting the sports industry.	Any sports law related topic, preferably a specific, timely, and novel legal issue impacting the sports industry.	5/2/16	Annual conference Offer to publish in Marquette Sports L. Rev.
<u>Gerrymander Standard Writing Competition</u>	Common Cause	Create a new definition for partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing definition.	25-50 pp. Unpublished work.	5/1/16	\$5,000 (1st) \$3,000 (2nd) \$2,000 (3rd)
<u>Smith, Selma Moidel Law Student Writing Competition</u>	National Association of Women Lawyers	Issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law.	15 pp max. Original unpublished work by one author	5/1/16	\$500 Publication
<u>Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition</u>	Notre Dame Law School	Any issue within the general category of legal ethics.	50 pp max. Original unpublished work.	4/29/16	\$2,500
<u>Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition</u>	American Association of Law Libraries	Any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives		4/18/16	\$500
<u>DISH "Best in Class" eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing Competition</u>	DISH Network	Identify and analyze the policy interests that compete when lawyers must be transparent and cooperative during discovery in civil litigation, but also advocates bound by strict confidentiality. Provide suggestions on how to navigate these concerns.	Original unpublished work by one author. 5,000 words max.	4/11/16	\$3,500
<u>Berkeley Technology Law Journal</u>	Berkeley Technology Law Journal	Wide variety of topics at the intersection of law and technology, including intellectual property, antitrust, First Amendment, entertainment, new media, information privacy/data protection, telecommunications, biotechnology, internet, and cybercrime.	50 pp max. Original unpublished work.	3/7/16	\$2,000 (1st) Publication \$750 (2nd) \$500 (3rd)
<u>Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest For Law Students and Young Lawyers</u>	ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability	ABA LPL Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest - Hypothetical (changes for each contest year)	3,000 words max. Original, unpublished work by one author, who must be a member of the ABA Young Lawyers Division or Law Student Division	3/4/16	\$5,000 (1st) Annual Conference
<u>Marshall M. Schulman Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure</u>	The State Bar of California	Criminal law and/or criminal procedure, with a particular focus on contemporary issues of concern in California.	Student at accredited US law school. Original unpublished work by one author.	2/28/16	\$1,500 (1st) \$500 (2nd) Publication

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<u>Intellectual Property Brief First Annual Writing Competition</u>	American University Washington College of Law	Intellectual property law.	Any law school student attending an accredited law school; practitioners in good standing with a United States bar; or any practitioner officially registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.	1/27/16	1st place \$500 and publication, 2nd place \$250 and publication, 3rd place publication.
<u>Mendes Hershman Award</u>	ABA Business Law Section	"Business Law" is a broad category. Without attempting to define the area precisely, the subject is intended to include matters within law school curricula.	Author of the paper must be a student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school's J.D. program at the time of submission. Papers must be written in the current	TBA	TBA
<u>Baker, James Hughes Prize</u>	Houston Journal of International Law	Students who have written a piece about international economic law may submit their manuscripts to the Journal in competition for the James Baker Hughes Prize.	25 pp max. Original unpublished work by one author.	ONGOING	\$500 Publication
<u>National Health Law Writing Competition</u>	American University Washington College of Law	Papers may address any area of the law as applied to the health care industry (e.g., antitrust, criminal, corporate, ERISA, among others) or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, reimbursement, privacy, access to health care, pharmaceutical/drug law, among others).	Current 2L, 3L, 4L (part-time) JD and LL.M. students enrolled in U.S. law school.	November	\$1,000 \$500
<u>GoJIL Student Essay Competition</u>	Goettingen Journal of International Law	International Law.		November	Publication
<u>National Law Review</u>	National Law Review	See website for current list of topics.		Monthly	Publication on the NLR website.
<u>Court of Federal Claims Bar Association Annual Law Student Writing Competition</u>	Court of Federal Claims Bar Association	Entries to the contest may address any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the United States Court of Federal Claims.	Open to law students.	July	\$3,500
<u>Hutchinson Writing Contest</u>	The Federal Circuit Bar Association	Appeals from all patent litigation (nationwide), Patent and Trademark Office decisions, government contract claims, the International Trade Commission, Merit Systems Protection Board Appeals, and Veterans Appeals.	The competition is open to all law students enrolled in ABA-accredited law schools.	July	\$3,000