



OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Goal: The goal of the Texas A&M Journal of Property Law (“Property Journal”) National Writing Contest (“Contest”) is to give law student-authors of excellent scholarly work from across the country an opportunity to publish their essays in a journal devoted to exploring property issues.

Who May Enter: The Contest is open to all law students who are in good standing, over the age of 18, and currently attend an ABA-accredited law school within the United States, excluding students of Texas A&M University School of Law Students. Students must not have graduated before Spring 2018. Entrants are permitted to submit unpublished essays, notes, or comments, including ones that were submitted for a rigorous writing credit. This also includes unpublished topics submitted as a membership requirement for another journal. Student essays that have been previously submitted to the Texas A&M Law Review or Texas A&M Journal of Property Law are ineligible for the contest.

Deadlines: Entries must be received **no later than** 11:59 P.M. CST on June 29, 2018. No decisions will be made on a submitted article until after the deadline.

Essay Requirements: To be considered, entrants must submit an essay touching on or relating to property. The Property Journal will interpret the scope of property broadly to ensure that the Contest affords the greatest degree of flexibility in writing on the subject. Entrants are encouraged to submit essays written on issues that are current, timely, controversial, or of national interest. The essay must be the original work of the entrant, and jointly authored essays will not be accepted. The Property Journal encourages submission of essays that were submitted to other law reviews but not selected for publication, or essays that were written for school credit but were not previously published. Any essay that is found not to be an original work of the entrant will be disqualified from the Contest. Only one submission may be made per entrant. If one entrant makes multiple submissions, that entrant will be disqualified. **All essays will go through a plagiarism-checking program.**

Specifications: Essays are to be in traditional law review style, presenting a scholarly discussion with full citation to authority in the footnotes. The essays are to be in standard MS Word format, and double-spaced. Essays are to include a title page, but not include the author’s name. Entries must be under 10,000 words, including footnotes and title page.

Essays should conform to *The Bluebook-A Uniform System of Citation* and to *The Redbook-A Manual on Legal Style, 3d ed.*

Publication: The Property Journal will select up to three essays as winners of the Contest. The selected essays will be considered for publication in the 2018 Fall Edition of the *Texas A&M Journal of Property Law*.