

LEGAL WRITING COMPETITIONS, 2011-2012

** Has not appeared in previous listings this academic year.

Name of Competition	Due Date	Awards	Eligible Topics	Special Notes
1. Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest	Intent to enter form due: 1/31/2012 Essay due: 3/31/2012	1 st : \$5,000	Are factory farms hog-tying people's rights? (See Writing Center for more information)	Sponsored by the Public Justice Foundation; www.publicjustice.net
2. Institute for Justice Center for Judicial Engagement Law-Student Essay Contest	2/6/2012	1 st : \$3,000 2 nd : \$1,000 3 rd : \$500	"In an essay aimed at a popular audience, discuss the role of the courts in American government and the differences among judicial engagement, judicial activism, and judicial abdication." (See Writing Center for further details)	Sponsored by the Institute for Justice; www.ij.org/cje
3.** International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition	2/15/2012	Travel and all expenses to the spring expert conference at American University Washington College of Law	A legal topic related to international humanitarian law	Sponsored by the American Society of International Law and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law; www.WCLCenterforHR.org
4.** The Bert W. Levit Essay Contest	2/17/2012	1 st : \$5,000	This year's contest hypothetical involves an international law firm and ethics questions concerning how the firm handles engagement offers, office restructuring, and taking on new matters in a cross-jurisdictional scenario; see http://bit.ly/Levit2012 for hypothetical	Sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levitt LLP

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5.** The National Law Review Winter 2012 Law Student Writing Competition	2/21/2012	Publication	Suggested topics: Environmental and Energy, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law	Sponsored by the National Law Review; www.NatLawReview.com
6.** The Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition	3/31/2012	1 st : \$500 2 nd : \$300 3 rd : \$200	Any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples	Sponsored by the Sovereignty Symposium XXV and the Supreme Court of Oklahoma
7.** 2 nd Annual Law Student Victims' Rights Writing Competition	3/31/2012	1 st : \$200 2 nd : \$100 3 rd : \$100	Submissions must analyze the legal rights of crime victims in the context of criminal investigations and prosecutions; see Writing Center for more information	Sponsored by National Crime Victim Law Institute; each prize also includes slot for presentation at national conference
8.** The Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest	4/4/2012	Publication	Any aspect of family law	Sponsored by the Family Law Quarterly and the ABA Section of Family Law; www.ambar.org/schwab
9. The Constitutional Environmental Law Student Writing Competition	4/13/2012	1 st : \$2,000	Any topic addressing recent developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a significant constitutional or "federalism" component (See Writing Center for sample topics)	Sponsored by The Environmental Law Institute; The American Bar Association of Environment, Energy, and Resources; and The National Association of Environmental Law Societies; www.endangeredlaws.org.writingcomp.htm

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10. The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers Law Student Writing Competition	5/15/2012	1 st : \$1,500 2 nd : \$1,000 3 rd : \$500	Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American Labor and Employment Bar	Sponsored by the College Labor and Employment Lawyers and the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law; www.laborandemploymentcollege.org
11.** Legal Writing Contest of the IADC	5/18/2012	1 st : \$2,000 2 nd : \$1,000 3 rd : \$500	Any topic of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation	Sponsored by the International Association of Defense Council; www.iadclaw.org
12. The Law Student Essay Competition of the AJA and AJF	6/1/2012	1 st : \$3,000 2 nd : \$1,500 3 rd : \$1,000	Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?	Sponsored by American Judges Association/American Judges Foundation; http://aja.ncsc.dni.us
13.** 2012 American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize Writing Competition	6/1/2012	1 st : \$5,000	A topic of the writer's choice addressing the issues of excellence in legal skills, civility, ethics, and professionalism	Sponsored by the American Inns of Court; www.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize
14.** Employee Benefits Writing Competition	6/1/2012	1 st : \$1,500 2 nd : \$1,500	Any topic in the field of employee benefits law	Sponsored by the American College of Employee Benefits Council; www.acebc.com
15.** 2012 Law Student Essay Competition on the Legal Interests of Children & Families	6/1/2012	1 st : \$1,000	Any topic advancing the legal interests of children and families; topics of national importance are given preference	Sponsored by National Association of Council for Children; www.NACCchildlaw.org

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16.** The Mary Moers Weing 2012 Student Writing Competition	6/1/2012	1 st : \$5,000 2 nd : \$3,000 3 rd : \$1,000	A broad range of topics in the trusts and estates and related taxation areas; see Writing Center for more Information	Sponsored by the American College of Trust and Estate Council; www.actec.org
17. The 2012 Tannenwald Writing Competition	7/3/2012	1 st : \$5,000 2 nd : \$2,500 3 rd : \$1,500	Papers on any federal or state tax-related topic (See Writing Center for more information)	Sponsored by The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr., Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship, Inc.; www.tannenwald.org