

## LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITIONS

*Below is a list of law student writing competitions for the remainder of the Spring and Summer 2008 semesters. The list is sorted by deadline date. Students who are interested in writing a scholarly paper may want to scan the list for topic ideas. Please contact the sponsor through the URL for more information. This list was compiled for Thomas Jefferson School of Law students and was last updated on April 4, 2008.*

Type of competition	Name	Deadline	Description	Prize	URL
Criminal law	ABA William W. Greenhalgh Writing Competition	4/11/2008	Any important pending legal controversy implicating or with the potential to impact upon American criminal constitutional procedure.	\$2000	<a href="http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/students.html">http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/students.html</a>
Professional Responsibility	Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition	4/25/2008	An original, unpublished work on any subject pertaining to legal ethics.	\$2500	<a href="http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf">http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf</a>
Disability Law	Paralyzed Veterans of America Legal Writing Competition	4/30/2008	Topic: <i>Should Congress Maintain, Modify, or Completely Redesign the Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Adjudication Process, and How Would the Result Improve the Current System?</i>	\$3000/\$1500	<a href="http://www.pva.org/site/DocServer/writing_contest_rules06-07.pdf?docID=1581">http://www.pva.org/site/DocServer/writing_contest_rules06-07.pdf?docID=1581</a>
Women and the Law	ABA Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition	4/30/2008	Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law.	\$500	<a href="http://www.abanet.org/nawl/docs/Flyer%5ffor%5f2007-08L.pdf">http://www.abanet.org/nawl/docs/Flyer%5ffor%5f2007-08L.pdf</a>
Elder Law	NAELA Student Journal Writing Competition	5/1/2008	Any topic related to the intersection of law and aging, elder or disability planning.	\$1500/\$1000/\$500	<a href="http://www.naela.com/Applications/News/index.cfm?fuseAction=fullArticle&amp;ArticleID=216">http://www.naela.com/Applications/News/index.cfm?fuseAction=fullArticle&amp;ArticleID=216</a>

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Estates and Trusts	American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition	5/1/2008	Relate to the area of trusts and estates. Only papers that have not been previously published or accepted for publication are eligible.	\$5000, \$3000, \$1000	<a href="http://www.actec.org/private/freeform/page.asp?PageID=318">http://www.actec.org/private/freeform/page.asp?PageID=318</a>
Foreign Affairs	Olive W. Garvey Fellowships	5/1/2008	Topic: "Are property rights human rights? How are they related? What are their similarities and differences? If property rights are human rights, why have they enjoyed fewer legal protections and intellectual champions than other human rights?"	\$2500/\$1500/\$1000	<a href="http://www.independent.org/students/garvey/">http://www.independent.org/students/garvey/</a>
Misc.	Brown Award to recognize Excellence in Legal Writing	5/1/2008	No restriction except that it must be a legal topic.	\$10000	<a href="http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm">http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm</a>
Family Law	ABA Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest	5/15/2008	Any aspect of family law.	consideration for publication	<a href="http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml">http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml</a>
Civil Litigation	International Association of Defense Counsels Legal Writing Competition	5/16/2008	A subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation.	\$2000, \$1000, \$500	<a href="http://www.iadclaw.org/contest.cfm">http://www.iadclaw.org/contest.cfm</a>
International Trade Law	Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition	5/16/2008	An in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to customs and international trade law.	\$1000/\$500	<a href="http://www.brooklaw.edu/students/journals/bjilvance.php">http://www.brooklaw.edu/students/journals/bjilvance.php</a>
Public Policy	Pacific Legal Foundation Judicial Awareness Writing Competition	5/30/2008	Choose from selected topics dealing with public policy.	\$5000/\$3000/\$1500	<a href="http://www.pacificlegal.org/?mvcTask=writingCompetition">http://www.pacificlegal.org/?mvcTask=writingCompetition</a>
Constitutional Law	NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Legal Writing Contest	6/1/2008	The subject of the contest is "The Right of the Individual to Keep and Bear Arms as a Federally Protected Right."	\$5000, \$3000, \$2000, \$1000	<a href="http://www.nradefensfund.org/writingcontest.aspx">http://www.nradefensfund.org/writingcontest.aspx</a>

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Constitutional Law	NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Law Student Scholarship Writing Contest	6/1/2008	Articles on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.	Scholarships of \$12,500/\$5000/\$2500	<a href="http://www.nradefensfund.org/writingcontest.aspx">http://www.nradefensfund.org/writingcontest.aspx</a>
Disability Law	ABA Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition	6/1/2008	Any aspect of disability law, theory or practice	\$300-\$500 dependant on how many prizes are given	<a href="http://www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal_writing/writingcomp.cfm">http://www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal_writing/writingcomp.cfm</a>
Family Law	NACC Law Student Essay Competition	6/1/2008	Advancing the legal interests of children	\$1000	<a href="http://naccchildlaw.org/childrenlaw/awards.html">http://naccchildlaw.org/childrenlaw/awards.html</a>
GBLT Law	National Lesbian & Gay Law Association Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition	6/1/2008	A cutting edge legal issue affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and/or Intersex community.	\$3000/\$2000/\$1000	<a href="http://www.nlglaw.org/competition.html">http://www.nlglaw.org/competition.html</a>
Minorities and the law	Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition	6/1/2008	Topics of relevance to racial and ethnic minorities and the law.	\$1500 and publication	<a href="http://www.aefapaba.hostcentric.com/Writing/MatsuiWriting.html">http://www.aefapaba.hostcentric.com/Writing/MatsuiWriting.html</a>
Public Utility, Communications, and Transportation	ABA Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law	6/1/2008	On any topic covered by the Public Utility, Communications, and Transportation section of the ABA.	\$2500, free one year post graduation Section membership, possibility of publication	<a href="http://www.abanet.org/pubutil/">http://www.abanet.org/pubutil/</a>
Women and the Law	The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Writing Competition	6/1/2008	An issue within the category of feminist jurisprudence	\$1000	<a href="https://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/contest_information.cfm">https://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/contest_information.cfm</a>
Civil Procedure	James William Moore Federal Practice Award	6/2/2008	Federal civil practice and procedure.	\$1000	<a href="http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/partnerships/moorefpa.asp">http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/partnerships/moorefpa.asp</a>
Misc.	American Judges Association	6/2/2008	The Rule of Law in Times of	\$3000/\$1500/\$1000	<a href="http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/">http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/</a>

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	Annual Law Student Essay Competition		Conflict.		<a href="http://htdocs/essaycontest.htm">htdocs/essaycontest.htm</a>
Planning Law	American Planning Association Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition	6/9/2008	Any topic on a question of significance in either planning or areas of law germane to planning.	\$2500/\$1000/\$250/\$250	<a href="http://www.planning.org/planningandlaw/writingcompetition.htm">http://www.planning.org/planningandlaw/writingcompetition.htm</a>
Cultural Property Law	Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation Student Writing Competition	6/13/2008	Develop or present new or different perspectives on the law with respect to cultural property.	\$300/\$200	<a href="http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/education">http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/education</a>
Food and Drug Law	H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions	6/13/2008	The areas of law that affect foods, drugs, devices, cosmetics, and biologics. There are two competitions—one for papers with a maximum of 40 pages, and one for papers between 41 and 100 pages.	\$1500/\$1000	<a href="http://www.fdi.org/academic/hthomas.html">http://www.fdi.org/academic/hthomas.html</a>
ADR	James Boskey ADR Writing Competition	6/15/2008	The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses.	\$1000 and invitation to publication	<a href="http://www.dsl.psu.edu/academics/boskey.cfm">http://www.dsl.psu.edu/academics/boskey.cfm</a>
Professional Responsibility	Warren E. Burger Writing Competition	6/15/2008	A topic addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism.	\$5000	<a href="http://www.innsforcourt.org/Content/Default.aspx?Id=309">http://www.innsforcourt.org/Content/Default.aspx?Id=309</a>
Religious Law	William Pew Religious Freedom Scholarship	6/15/2008	Scholarly material of publishable quality that advocates a legal position consistent with Alliance Defense Fund's perspectives and mission.	\$2500	<a href="http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/whatwedo/funding/scholarships.aspx?cid=3142">http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/whatwedo/funding/scholarships.aspx?cid=3142</a>
Intellectual Property Law	Robert C. Watson Award	6/30/2008	Must be a student member of AIPLA. Article topics: Subject relating to the protection of intellectual property.	\$2000	<a href="http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and">http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and</a>

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Intellectual Property Law	AIPLA Fellows Award	6/30/2008	Topic: "Issues relative to fair use and the research exemption in intellectual property."	\$2000	<a href="http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and_Awards.htm">http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and_Awards.htm</a>
Intellectual Property/Copyright	Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition	6/30/2008	Any aspect of copyright law.	\$600/\$250	<a href="http://www.ascap.com/musicbiz/burkan/">http://www.ascap.com/musicbiz/burkan/</a>
Legal History	California Supreme Court Historical Society Student Writing Competition	6/30/2008	Any aspect of the history of the California Supreme Court.	\$2500 and publication.	<a href="http://cschs.org/01_society/01_c.html">http://cschs.org/01_society/01_c.html</a>
Patent and Trademark Law, Fed Civ. Pro., see description and notes	George Hutchinson Writing Competition	6/30/2008	Any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.	\$3000	<a href="http://www.memberconnections.com/olc/pub/LVFC/cpages/misc/scholar.jsp">http://www.memberconnections.com/olc/pub/LVFC/cpages/misc/scholar.jsp</a>
Science and Medicine	FoxKiser Annual Writing Competition in Law, Science & Medicine	6/30/2008	Any issue related to law, science and medicine.	\$4000/\$1000	<a href="http://www.columbia.edu/cu/slst/comp.htm">http://www.columbia.edu/cu/slst/comp.htm</a>
Legal History	Holocaust Remembrance Essay Award	7/1/2008	Any topic, and concern any matter, provided only that they somehow address the relationship between law and the Holocaust.	\$500CDN	<a href="http://www.law.ualberta.ca/Current-Students/Financial-Assistance/Holocaust-Essay-Competition.php">http://www.law.ualberta.ca/Current-Students/Financial-Assistance/Holocaust-Essay-Competition.php</a>
Tax law	ABA Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship	7/1/2008	Technical or policy-oriented topics relating to any type of existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or taxation system.	\$3500/\$2500/\$1500	<a href="http://www.tannenwald.org/rules/">http://www.tannenwald.org/rules/</a>
Women and the	Alice Paul Feminist	7/1/2008	Best unpublished student essay	\$1000	<a href="http://www.wcl.american.edu">www.wcl.american.edu</a>

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Law	Jurisprudence Essay Contest		on feminist jurisprudence.		<a href="http://du/gender/wlp">du/gender/wlp</a>
Appellate Practice	Eisenberg Prize	7/10/2008	Article on appellate practice and procedure published between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007	\$2000	<a href="http://www.appellateacademy.org/eisenbergprize/index.cfm">http://www.appellateacademy.org/eisenbergprize/index.cfm</a>
Labor Law	Labor Lawyer Student Writing Contest	8/31/2008	Any topic in the field of labor and employment law.	Publication in the <i>Labor Lawyer</i> .	<a href="http://www.abanet.org/labor/proopp.html">http://www.abanet.org/labor/proopp.html</a>
International Law	The CONFLICT OF LAWS .NET Essay Competition in Private International Law	9/1/2008	Any aspect of private international law.	\$500/\$200/\$150	<a href="http://www.conflictolaws.net/essay-competition">http://www.conflictolaws.net/essay-competition</a>
Antitrust Law	William E. Swope Antitrust Award	12/31/2008	Any antitrust issue.	\$10000 first prize, Two Honorable Mention \$1,500, and all trip to conference	<a href="http://www.jonesday.com/swope/">http://www.jonesday.com/swope/</a>