

LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITIONS

Below is a list of law student writing competitions sorted by type of competition. Students who are interested in writing a scholarly paper may want to scan the list for topic ideas. Please contact the sponsor of the contest through the listed URL or email address to get more information. This list was compiled for use by Thomas Jefferson School of Law students.

Category	Sponsor	Name	Deadline	Description	URL
Access to Justice	Public Justice Foundation: Supporting America's Public Interest Law Firm	The Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest	12/31/2012 (intent-to-enter notification deadline) 3/31/2012 (Essay submission deadline)	"Are Factory Farms Hog- Tying People's Rights?"	http://www.publicjustice.net/
Administrative Law	American Bar Association Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice	Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Competition	4/1/2012	Discuss any topic relating to administrative law.	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html
Administrative Law	American Constitution Society for Law and Policy	The Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law	2/10/2012	Topic should be related to regulatory or administrative law, broadly construed.	http://www.acslaw.org/node/5373
ADR	International Ombudsman Association (IOA)	IOA Student Writing Competition	Nov. 2011 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Issue of how organizational ombudsmen can avoid being deemed as agents of notice.	http://www.ombudsasociation.org/
ADR	American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution	James Boskey ADR Writing Competition on Dispute Resolution	6/15/2012	The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research.	http://www.abanet.org/dispute/essaycomp.html
ADR	American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance	Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Writing	April 2012 Estimated	Recent developments on alternative dispute	http://apps.americanbar.org/tips/lawstudent/

	Practice Section	Competition for Law Students	deadline. Check website for updates	resolution.	
Animal Law	New York State Bar Association	The New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals Law Student Writing Competition	6/29/2012	Any area of Animal Law.	http://www.nysba.org/AM/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm?ContentFileID=59380&FusePreview=Yes
Animal Law	Animal Law Review of Lewis and Clark Law School	Animal Law Review Student Writing Competition	1/1/2012	Animal law issues.	http://www.lclark.edu/law/law_reviews/animal_law_review/
Appellate Practice	American Academy of Appellate Lawyers	The Eisenberg Prize	7/13/2012	Article on appellate practice and procedure published between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.	http://www.appellateacademy.org/eisenbergprize/index.cfm
Bankruptcy	American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)	ABI's Law Student Writing Competition	3/1/2012	Current issues regarding bankruptcy jurisdiction, bankruptcy litigation or evidence in bankruptcy cases or proceedings.	http://papers.abi.org/
Bankruptcy	National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT)	NACTT's Annual Law Student Writing Competition	4/30/2012	Issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.	http://www.nactt.com/
Business Law	American Bar Association Business Law Section	Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest	Jan. 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Any subject within the business law category.	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html
Business Law	Journal of Business & Securities Law	Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition	March 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates		https://www.msu.edu/~jbsl/spoon_competition.html

Civil Litigation	International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)	IADC's Legal Writing Contest	5/18/2012	Any subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation.	http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx
Civil Procedure	The Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA)	FCBA's George Hutchinson Writing Competition	6/30/2012	Any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.	http://www.memberconnections.com/olc/public/LVFC/cpages/misc/scholar.jsp
Civil Procedure	LexisNexis and Matthew Bender	James William Moore Federal Practice Award	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	Federal civil practice and procedure; procedural aspects of certain types of substantive federal litigation are acceptable.	http://www.lclark.edu/live/files/7363-james-william-moore-federal-practice-award
Constitutional Law	American Constitution Society (ACS) for Law and Policy	ACS National Student Writing Competition	2/17/2012	Furthering and promoting a progressive vision of the Constitution, law, and public policy. Check website for topic examples.	http://www.acslaw.org/chapters/studentcommittees/writing
Constitutional Law	Center for Alcohol Policy	Center for Alcohol Policy Annual Essay Contest	Dec. 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	"State regulation of alcohol is important because..." and "The 21st Amendment is important because..."	http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/
Construction Law	American Bar Association Forum on The Construction Industry	Construction Industry's Law Student Writing Competition	Dec 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	Any topic related to construction law.	http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/construction_industry/11_writing_comp_rules.authcheckdam.pdf
Consumer Financial Law	American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers (ACCFSL)	ACCFSL's Student Writing Competition	12/1/2012 Annual deadline	Any topic on consumer financial law.	http://accfsl.org/writing-competition/
Contracts	American Bar Association Section of Public Contract	ABA Public Contract Law Annual Writing Competition	Sept. 2012 Estimated	Papers should address a topical issue in public	http://www.pclj.org/Writing_Competitions

	Law		deadline. Check website for details.	contract or grant law.	/Writing_Competition.html
Criminal law	American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section	William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition	4/30/2012	Any timely and important topic relating to developments in criminal law or procedure influenced by technology and its effects on privacy interests.	http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/uncategorized/criminal_justice/greenhalgh_rules.authcheckdam.pdf
Criminal Law; Women and the Law	American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence	ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Annual Law Student Writing Competition	5/31/2012	Domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective.	http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/multimedia/domestic_violence/writing_competition_winners_cdsv/2012_writing_competition_announcement.authcheckdam.pdf
Cultural Property Law	Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation	Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation Law	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	Any aspect of cultural heritage law including cultural property, art law, historic preservation, indigenous cultures and intangible heritage (but not intellectual property except as it relates to intangible indigenous heritage).	http://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/competition
Disability Law	American Bar Association Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law	Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any aspect of disability law, theory or practice.	http://law.mercer.edu/academics/legalwriting/milani
Elder Law	National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. (NAELA)	NAELA's Elder Law Writing Competition	May 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any topic related to the legal issues affecting seniors or people with disabilities.	http://www.naela.org/App_Themes/Public/NAELA%20Student%20Journal/2011%20Elder%20Law%20Writing%20Competition

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Employment & Labor Law	American Bar Association Section of Labor & Employment Law and the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers	Annual Law Student Writing Competition	5/15/2012	Any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar.	http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx
Employment & Labor Law	Institute for Law and the Workplace Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Jackson Lewis LLP	Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any topic relating to the law of the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination.	http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html
Entertainment Law	Grammy Foundation	The Grammy Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Legal topic facing the music industry today.	https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Entertainment-Law-Initiative/78505784535
Environmental Law	American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER)	ABA-SEER Energy Law Student Writing Competition	3/1/2012	Are past legal constructions for the development of other resources effective prologues, or should alternative energy deployment (including renewables) or climate change issues be addressed through sui generis rules?	http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/nr/projects/writing_competition/energy_law/11-12_energy_law_student_writing_competition.authcheckdam.pdf
Environmental Law	Co-sponsored by the American Bar Association, The National Association of Environmental Law Societies and The Environmental Law Institute	“Endangered Environmental Laws” Student Writing Competition	4/13/2012	Any topic addressing recent developments in American environmental law that has a constitutional law or “federalism” element.	http://www.eli.org/writing_contest.cfm
Environmental Law	The Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan	The State Bar of Michigan’s Environmental Law Essay Contest	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Environmental law topics of current interest to Michigan practitioners.	http://czarnezki.com/2010/10/12/environmental-law-essay-contest/

Environmental Law	St. Mark Presbyterian Church (USA)	Parry Environmental Scholarship	March 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.		http://www.stmarkpresbyterian.org/MissionOutreach/PuttingYourFaithIntoAction/Executives/tabid/115/Default.aspx
Estates and Trusts	American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)	ACTEC's Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition	6/2/2012	Relate to the area of trusts and estates.	http://www.actec.org/public/WenigCompetition/WenigCompetitionRules.asp
Evidence	American Judges Association (AJA)	AJA's Annual Law Student Essay Competition	6/1/2012	Essays submitted for the 2011 competition must be under the category of "Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony?"	http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/essay-contest/pdfs/essayrules.pdf
Family Law	American Bar Association Section of Family Law	Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest	4/27/2012 (entry form due) 5/4/2012 (submission deadline) Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Any aspect of family law.	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html
Family Law	National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)	Law Student Essay Competition on the Legal Interests of Children and Families	5/1/2012	To advancing the legal interests of children, originality, persuasiveness, and the quality of research and writing. Essay topics of national importance are	http://www.naccchildlaw.org/?page=Awards

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Federal Jurisdiction	U.S. Court of Federal Claims Bar Association (CFCBA)	CFCBA's Law Student Writing Competition	6/29/2012	A topic that lies within the substance, procedure, or scope of the specialized jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.	http://www.cfcbar.org/index.php/news
Food and Drug Law	The Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI)	FDLI's H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions	5/31/2012	Analysis of a current legal issue concerning food, drugs, animal drugs, biologics, cosmetics, diagnostics, dietary supplements, medical devices or tobacco.	http://www.fdpi.org/pdf/academic/2012-FDLI-Writing-Competitions.pdf
GBLT Law	The National LGBT Bar Association	Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition	May 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Legal issues affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and/or Intersex community.	http://www.nlgla.org/competition.html
Health Law	American Bar Association Health Law Section	ABA Health Law Student Writing Award	Dec. 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Specific topic determined by Health Law Section.	http://www.abanet.org/health/06_membership/LawStudents/WritingCompetition.shtml
Health Law	The National Center for Nonsmokers' Rights	Nonsmokers' Rights Legal Research and Advocacy Competition	5/31/2012	New idea for using a legal or law related action designed to be particularly effective in advancing and/or protecting the rights of nonsmokers.	http://nosmokingcontent.org/
Health Law	Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.	Epstein Baker & Green Health Law Writing Competition	Jan 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate) or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid, clinical trials).	http://www.ebglaw.com/othercontent.aspx?sHow=5064

Housing / Community Development Law	American Bar Association Affordable Housing & Community Development Law	ABA Affordable Housing & Community Development Law Student Legal Writing Competition	March 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law.	http://new.abanet.org/Forums/Affordable/PublicDocuments/2011%20Writing%20Competition%20Guidelines.pdf
Human Rights	Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	Human Rights Essay Award	2/1/2012	The Rights Indigenous People and International Human Rights Law.	http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hraward.cfm
Human Rights	Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ)	Sarah Weddington Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights	3/5/2012	Theme: "Legislating Stereotypes: Reproductive Rights Rollback in the States."	http://lsrj.org/documents/12%20Writing%20Prize%20Call%20for%20Submissions.pdf
Insurance Law	Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Boston College Law School Liberty Mutual Prize award	Feb. 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	The law of property and casualty insurance, its regulation and corporate governance.	http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/newsevents/2010/lm_prize.html
Intellectual Property Law	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)	AIPLA's Robert C. Watson Award	6/30/2012	Topic: "Issues relative to fair use and the research exemption in intellectual property."	http://www.aipla.org/resources/programs/Pages/default.aspx
Intellectual Property Law	Virginia State Bar (VSB)	VSB Intellectual Property Law Student Writing Competition	5/25/2012	Check Website	http://www.vsb.org/site/sections/intellectualproperty/view/ip-writing-competition
Intellectual Property Law	American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation	Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholarships	3/15/2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	This scholarship addresses the need of intellectual property groups in law firms and intellectual property law departments in corporations to improve their diversity profiles by increasing the number of minority candidates.	http://www.aiplef.org/scholarships/sidney_b_williams/application_process.html

Intellectual Property Law	Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law (IPIL)	IPIL's Sponsored Scholarship Grants for Judicial Clerks	Dec 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	This is a grant for Judicial Clerks on a topic related to intellectual property and information law.	http://www.law.uh.edu/ipil/ssgpclerk.html
Intellectual Property Law	Ladas & Parry LLP	International Trademark Association Ladas Memorial Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Trademark law or a matter that directly relates to or affects trademarks.	http://www.inta.org/Academics/Documents/2011-2012_LadasFlyer.pdf
Intellectual Property Law	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)	AIPLA's Robert C. Watson Award	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Must be a student member of AIPLA. Article topics: Subject relating to the protection of intellectual property.	http://www2.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and_Awards.htm
Intellectual Property Law	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)	The Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition	Jan. 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.		http://www2.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Competition_and_Awards/Competition_and_Awards.htm
International Law	New York State Bar Association	Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award	Dec 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Area of public or private international law.	http://www.nysba.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Section_Awards&Template=/CustomSource/Award/AwardDisplay.cfm&code=MS_PERGAM
International Law	The Customs and International Trade Bar Association (CITBA) and Brooklyn Law School	Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition (customs and international trade law)	May 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for	An in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to customs and international trade law.	http://www.law.wayne.edu/new/andrew_p_vance_flyer2011.pdf

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International Law	The Independent Institute	Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships	No 2011 Essay Contest has been announced. Check website for updates.		http://www.independent.org/students/essay/
International Law	Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems: A Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law	Trandafir International Business Writing Competition	2/1/2012	Any topic of contemporary international business or economic concern with a legal nexus.	http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html
International Law	American Bar Association	Rona R. Mears Student Writing Competition & Scholarship Awards	Jan. 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	The essay topic for the 2010-2011 academic year is "The Restatement (Third) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States is Being Revised. What Section or Group of Related Sections of the Restatement, Should be Revised, Why and How?"	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/international_law/membership/student_headquarters.html
International Law	Houston Journal of International Law University of Houston Law Center	James Baker Hughes Prize	3/4/2012	All aspects of public and private international law.	http://www.hjil.org/index.php/submissions
International Law	Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business	Daniel T. Murphy Student Writing Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	The looming domestic and international financial regulation in the wake of the worldwide economic crisis.	http://rjglb.richmond.edu/?pageType=Annual%20Survey
International Law	American University Washington College of Law and American Society of International Law	International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition	2/15/2012	A legal topic related to international humanitarian law.	www.WCLCENTERFORHR.org
Labor and Employment	The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers	The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers Writing Competition for Law Students	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law.	http://www.collegeofworkerscompensationlawyers.org/html/writing_contest.html

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Law & Society	The Law and Society Association	Law and Society Association Student Prize	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Examines law in social, political, historical, or cultural context. Papers may be social scientific, interpretive, historical, or jurisprudential in their approach.	http://www.lawandsociety.org/prizes.htm
Law and National Security	American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security	National Security Law Student Writing Competition	August 2012 Estimated deadline, check websites for updates.	Analysis of a timely issues at the intersection of law and national security	http://insct.syr.edu/insct_resources.aspx?id=77309414839
Legal History	California Supreme Court Historical Society (CSCHS)	CSCHS Student Writing Competition	6/30/2012	Any aspect of California legal history.	http://cschs.org/images_features/CSCHS_2012-Student-Writing-Competition.pdf
Legal History	Faculty of Law, University of Alberta	Holocaust Remembrance Essay Award	July 1st Annual deadline.	Any topic, and concern any matter, provided only that they somehow address the relationship between law and the Holocaust.	http://www.law.ualberta.ca/currentstudents/financialinformation/holocaust.php
Medical Law	The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)	ACLM's Student Writing Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Papers may deal with any aspect of Bioethics, that is, with any ethical issues arising specifically within the health care arena in the 21st century.	http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202011.pdf
Medical Law	Nightlight Christian Adoptions	Embryo Law Writing Competition	March 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	Write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. Check website for more details.	http://embryolaw.org/

Minorities and the Law	Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund	Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition	6/1/2012	Topics of relevance to racial and ethnic minorities and the law.	http://www.aefdc.com/?page_id=93
Misc.	The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation	Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing	May 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	No restriction except that it must be a legal topic.	http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm
Misc.	University of Connecticut School of Law	University of Connecticut School of Law Student Legal Writing Competition	6/1/2012	A legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.	http://www.law.uconn.edu/students/competitions/university-connecticut-school-law-student-legal-writing-competition-0
Misc.	Washington Legal Foundation	Freedom and Justice Legal Writing Competition	Aug. 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for details.	To what extent does the Constitution limit the severity of the civil punishment that may be imposed on those convicted of a misdemeanor under the <i>Park Doctrine</i> ?	http://www.wlf.org/publishing/writing_contest.asp
Misc.	The Legal History and Rare Books Section (LH&RB) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and Cengage Learning	Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition	April 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for Updates.	Any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives.	http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/cohen.html
Misc.	International Studies Association (ISA)	Annual Best Paper Award	Oct. 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for Updates.	Any aspect of security studies.	http://www.isanet.org/awards-grants/issp-paper.html
Native American Law	American Indian Law Review	American Indian Law Writing Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for	Any issue concerning American Indian Law.	http://adams.law.ou.edu/ailr/competition.cfm

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Planning Law	The Planning & Law Division of the American Planning Association	Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for Updates.	Any topic on a question of significance in either city planning or associated areas of law.	http://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/
Professional Responsibility	American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit, LLP	Bert W. Levit Essay Contest	2/17/2012	Topic: A new hypothetical is given on the website each year.	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/awards/the_assignment_essay_hypothetical.html
Professional Responsibility	Notre Dame Law School	Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition	April 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for Updates.	Any issue within the general category of legal ethics.	http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf
Professional Responsibility	The American Inns of Court	Warren E. Burger Prize	6/1/2012	A topic addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics or professionalism within the legal field.	http://www.innsforcourt.org/Content/Default.aspx?Id=309
Public Education	American Bar Association Adjunct Committee on Law Day	Judge Edward R. Finch Law Day Speech Award	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Tell us about your outstanding Law Day activities that expand the public's understanding of the rule of law and appreciation of the positive role law plays in our society.	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/events_competitions/other_aba_essay_writing_competitions.html
Public Law	State Bar of California	The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition	May 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Articles should pertain to a topic that would be of interest to attorneys who practice in the area of public law.	http://publiclaw.calbar.ca.gov/
Public Policy	Pacific Legal Foundation	Pacific Legal Foundation's Judicial Awareness Writing	Check website for updates.	Choose from selected topics dealing with public	http://www.pacificlegal.org/page.aspx?pid=

		Competition		policy. <i>See web page for more information.</i>	344
Real Property, Trusts & Estates	American Bar Association Real Property Trust & Estate Law (RPTE)	ABA-RPTE Student Writing Contest	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Essay on a current topic dealing with real property, probate or trust law with general or current interest.	http://www.americanbar.org/publications/probate_property_magazine_home.html
Science and Tech Law	American Bar Association Section of Science & Technology Law	ABA Science & Technology Law Student Writing Contest	March 2012 Estimated deadline, check websites for updates.	This year's articles should address the following topic: What are the most important emerging legal issues for public or private entities that store personally identifiable information, and how should these issues be addressed? Papers should be short and practical; not law-review type articles. Winning submission will feature a cutting edge view or innovative take on the topic.	http://www.abanet.org/ltd/competitions/writing-contests/
Securities Law and Arbitration	Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA)	James E. Beckley Writing Competition in Securities Arbitration and Law	Oct. 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any aspect of Securities law; Securities arbitration; The Federal Arbitration Act, Title 9, US Code, Section 1-14; or FINRA Code Arbitration.	https://piaba.org/system/files/pdfs/Beckley%20Writing%20Competition%20Announcement.pdf
Securities Law	Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)	ASECA's Writing Competition	Nov 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Any subject in the field of securities law.	http://www.secalumni.org/content.asp?contentid=4
Space Law	American Bar Association Air and Space Law Forum Committee	ABA Air and Space Law Student Writing Competition	June 2012 Estimated deadline. Check	The Air and Space lawyer board will select topic. However, students are free	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/events_competit

			website for updates	to select a topic relevant to the aerospace industry	ions/other_aba_essay_writing_competitions.html
Tax Law	The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship	The Tannenwald Writing Competition (Tax)	7/3/2012	Technical or policy-oriented topics relating to any type of existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or taxation system.	http://www.tannenwald.org/competition/
Tax Law	The John Marshall Law School Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits	Paul Faherty Writing Competition	4/15/2012	Any topic on tax law is acceptable, although papers on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine, a comment on a statute or the need for statutory modification, or a comment on a common law doctrine are encouraged.	http://www.jmls.edu/academics/taxeb/writing-competition.asp
Tax Law	Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation	Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition	January 2013 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates	Students may submit any original, unpublished, paper concerning federal income taxation.	http://www.fedbar.org
Technology Law	Stanford Law School	The Stanford Technology Law Review (STLR)	Open	STLR publishes Articles, Notes, and Perspectives which address critical issues at the intersection of law, science, and technology.	http://stlr.stanford.edu/submissions/
Tort Law	American Bar Association Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee	ABA Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee's Annual Law Student Writing Competition	4/6/2012	Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law. It is permissible to submit an essay prepared for a class, journal, or other publication.	http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL200000
Uniform State Law	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL)	NCCUSL's William J. Pierce Writing Contest	March 2012 Estimated deadline. Check website for updates.	Address a uniform or model act or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by the NCCUSL.	http://www.nccusl.org

Women and the Law	National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)	NAWL's Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition	May 2012 Estimated deadline, check websites for updates.	Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law.	http://www.nawl.org/
Women and the Law	The Women and the Law and Legal Rhetoric Programs of American University, Washington College of Law	The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest	June 2012 Estimated deadline, check websites for updates.	Best unpublished student essay on feminist jurisprudence.	http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/contest_information.cfm