



## **Second Annual National Health Law Writing Competition**

### **Rules and Requirements (2016-2017)**

1. Only current (academic school year 2016-2017) 2L, 3L, and 4L (part-time) JD and LLM students enrolled in a U.S. law school are eligible for this Writing Competition.
2. Papers must address an issue or issues related to health law.
3. All participating students must submit an Official Entry Form and the paper by 5:00 pm EST on November 30, 2016 on-line at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/health/writing/>
4. Only one eligible student may write the submitted paper (i.e., no teams or assistance by others).
5. Students may submit a paper that was written in connection with law school coursework, provided that the paper is wholly the work product of the student.
6. The paper may not have already been published in any manner. Please note, however, that students are permitted to submit a paper that is pending publication, so long as it has not been published as of February 28, 2017. If the paper will be appearing in a publication after February 28, 2017, the student may submit that paper for this competition. As always, the paper must be wholly the work product of the student.

7. A select panel of impartial judges from the WCL community will evaluate the papers and determine First Place and Second Place, in the panel's sole discretion. The panel's decisions are final.

8. The following criteria will be used to assess each eligible entry:

- a. Novelty of Issue
- b. Depth of Issue
- c. Depth of Analysis
- d. Clarity
- e. Quality of Writing

9. Papers must adhere to the following requirements:

- a. Length of a minimum of 25 and maximum of 30 pages, inclusive of single-spaced footnotes;
- b. One-inch margins;
- c. 12-point font;
- d. Times New Roman font;
- e. Double-spaced;
- f. Blue Book style citations;
- g. No Table of Contents, cover page, charts, graphs, diagrams or illustrations should be included;
- h. The title of the paper should appear at the top of the first page;
- i. Page numbers should appear at the bottom of each page;
- j. No name or other identifying information may appear on the paper itself; and
- k. All papers must be submitted in PDF format through the on-line entry system.
- l. Please carefully **PROOFREAD** your paper before submission.

10. Winners will be notified by email on or around February 28, 2017.

11. Two cash prizes will be awarded, sponsored by WCL alumna, Corrine Propas Parver: First Place -- \$1000; Second Place -- \$500. **The judges reserve the right to not award First and Second place prizes if not merited by the papers submitted.**

12. Winners must submit a Social Security number, a mailing address, and any other documentation that is needed in order to receive their cash prize. Students who do not have a Social Security number due to foreign status who otherwise meet the Competition Rules and Requirements are welcome to participate in the Competition, but are not eligible to receive the monetary prize associated with First and Second Place.

13. All students who submit an eligible entry will be recognized for their participation and receive a Certificate of Participation.

14. The *WCL Health Law and Policy Brief* will have the first opportunity to publish the two winning papers, but publication is not guaranteed. The *WCL Health Law and Policy Brief* may also consider publication of other submitted papers.

15. These Rules and Requirements may be clarified or modified at any time prior to the Competition deadline. Please check the Competition webpage for updates.

**Any paper that fails to meet any of the Rules and Requirements will be disqualified. These criteria will be strictly enforced.**