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The NLR Law Student Writing Competition offers law students the opportunity to submit articles for publication consideration on the NLR Web site. No entry fee is required. Applicants can submit an unlimited number of entries each month. Entries are reviewed September through May, when school is in session.

Entries must be submitted via email to lawschools@natlawreview.com by 5:00 pm Central Standard Time by the last day of the month.

- Winning submissions will be published according to specified dates.
- Entries will be judged and the top two to four articles chosen will be published on the NLR website.
- Each winning article will be displayed accompanied by the student’s photo, biography, contact information, law school logo, and any copyright disclosure.
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In addition, the NLR sends links to targeted articles to specific professional groups via e-mail. The NLR also posts links to selected articles on the “Legal Issues” or “Research” sections of various professional organizations’ Web sites. (NLR, at its sole discretion, may distribute any winning entry in such a manner, but does not make any such guarantees nor does NLR represent that this is part of the prize package.)
Congratulations to our Law Student Writing Contest Winners

2021:

- Brendan Joseph Smith of the University of Iowa College of Law: *Adapting to a World Without Third-Party Standing: How Reproductive Rights Advocacy Organizations Can Challenge Anti-Abortion Statutes Through Associational Standing*

2020:

- Zaina Afrassiab of University of Missouri Law School: *Are Qualified Patients Unqualified Parents?*

- Marissa B. Cohen of Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University: *The Confusion Over Privacy: HIPAA, the Constitution, and COVID-19*

- Kelly Shea Delvac of Pepperdine Caruso University School of Law: *Human Rights Abuses in the Enforcement of Coronavirus Security Measures*

2019:

- Megan M. Isrealitt of Chapman University Dale Fowler Law School: *Is Treason Applied as the Founders Intended?*

- Patrick McKnight of Rutgers University Law School: *Veterans Struggle to Gain Access to Medical Marijuana*

- Raffi Teperdjian of George Washington University Law School: *Examining the National Security Implications of Cryptocurrencies*

- Mary Colleen Charlotte Fowler of University of Kansas School of Law: *Chipping Away Employee Privacy: Legal Implications of RFID Microchip Implants for Employees*

- Megan Elizabeth Sullivan of New England Law School: *“Alternative Facts” in the Classroom: Creationist Educational Policy and the Trump Administration*

2018:

- Jamison Gilmore of Southwestern Law School: *Augmented Reality Incitement: How the Creator of Pokémon GO, and Those Who Follow, are Open to Tortious Liability*
• John Russell Van Swearingen of Wake Forest University School of Law: Avoiding Federal Friendly Fire: Addressing the Incidental Take of Migratory Birds by State Environmental Agencies Utilizing Constructed Wetlands for Stormwater Treatment

• Robert Anthony McReynolds of Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law: Sanctuary for Federalism: Affirming the Separation of Powers Between the States and the Federal Government When Enforcing Immigration Law

2017:

• Gilbert Bayonne of Southern University Law Center: The Fire Next Time: Foster v. Chatman and the Inevitability of Peremptory Prejudice

• Colin M. Desko of Suffolk University Law School: To and From the EU with Love: Benefits and Implications of Self-Certifying Under the EU-US Privacy Shield Framework

• Caroline Fish of St. John's School of Law: Protected, Not Removable: Foreign National Trafficking Victims and the Immigration Policies of the Trump Administration

2016:

• Robert Park of Boston College Law School: Credit Card Marketing Geared Towards Students and the Policies to Address the Dilemma: Can More Be Done?

• Ashlee Caroline Difuntorum from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles: Tip Pooling with Non-Tipped Employees: Sparking a Debate on Congressional Silence

• Kelsey C. Russo from Brooklyn Law School: Just “Like” The Framers: How Generations Of Courts Have Preserved The Natural Law In Culturally Reflective Approaches To First Amendment Interpretation

• Michael Brett Hall from Appalachian School of Law: Artificial Wombs, Gallup Polls, and a Donald Trump Presidency: The Future of Roe v. Wade and Abortion Jurisprudence in the United States

• Peter Colin, Jr. from Northeastern University School of Law: Elvis and Prince: Personality Rights Guidance for Dead Celebrities and the Lawyers and Legislatures Who Protect Them

• Jessica Clara Schidlow from Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law: Prescribing Politics: A Call for Stronger First Amendment Protection of Physician-Patient Communications from State Interference in the Practice of Medicine

• Katila Howard from Michigan State University College of Law: Marriage Penalty: Matrimony, Tax & Inequality
• **Sherry Hazel Joseph** from Depaul University College of Law: *Chicago Plastic Bag Ordinance: Incentivizing Consumers to Change Their Plastic Consumption Behavior*

• **Michael Novotny** from Southern Methodist University, SMU Dedman School of Law: *Could Pro-Football v. Blackhorse Be a Knock-Out Punch to Trademark Law?*

• **Kelsey C. Russo** from Brooklyn Law School: *Media Technology: The Evolution of Journalism and the Constitutional Complications of Drone Reporting*

• **Karthik Aravind Venkatraj** from University of Colorado Law School: *About Face: Mechanics, Progress, and Challenges Facing Veterans Trauma Courts*

• **Ricardo Lopez** from University of California, Irvine School of Law: *Terminally Ill Minors Should Have the Right to Refuse Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment: Creating Specialized Health Care Courts*

• **Alamea Deedee Bitran** from Florida International University College of Law: *“Anti-Israel,” a Camouflage Platform for “Anti-Semitism”: Anti-BDS Legislation is Wholly Constitutional*

• **Charletta Anderson-Fortson** from Southern University Law Center: *Cyber Security and the Need for International Governance*

• **Ross Campbell** from New York University School of Law: *3-D Printing and the Regulatory Future of Home Remedies: Pharma to Table*

• **Dahlia Seligman** from Michigan State University College of Law: *Changing Closets: Transgendered Youths' Right to Dress in Public Schools and the First Amendment*

• **Erin Hammons** from Southern University Law Center: *Louisiana's Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft and Uninsured Motorist ID Program: The Short Life and Senseless Death of Senate Bill 250*

• **Jason Rigby** from Widener University Delaware Law School: *Examining Trulia's "Plainly Material" Standard for Disclosure-only Settlements and Practice Tips to Contour Settlements to Meet This New Standard in Delaware*

• **Michael Shammas** from Harvard Law School: *Ethical Dilemmas Surveyed Through Attorney-Client Confidentiality: The Lawyer & The Navy Seal*

• **Meagan Vianello** from Valparaiso University Law School: *For Your Eyes Only: Protecting The IP Rights of #FoodPorn*

**2015:**

• **Sarah Denis** from St. Thomas University School of Law: *Using the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”) as a Loophole Around the Magnuson Moss's Jurisdictional Requirements*

2014:

- Matthew P Downer from Vanderbilt University Law School: The People or the Court Who Reigns Supreme, How, and Why?

- Blake Simpson from University of Nebraska College of Law: A Shot in the Dark: Why Parents Should Not be Held Civilly Liable for Injuries Caused by Unvaccinated Children

- Michael Grant from Brooklyn Law School: Buttering Bread: The Sordid Tale of Campaign Finance and Shaun McCutcheon

- Scott David Harrington from Southern University Law Center: No Soup for You! Religion in the Post-PPACA Era (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)

- Alisha Marie Mays from Florida International University College of Law: Taking Hospital Employees Down from their Pedestals: Why Title VII Religious Discrimination Should Not Be Applicable for Immunizations

- Michael Wayne Disotell from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law: Vance and Nassar: A Small Business Employer’s Guide To The Court’s Recent Title VII Rulings

Winter 2014:


- Jordan L. Payne from Northeastern University School of Law: Conceiving Real Protection: Paternalistic Surrogacy Laws & The Necessity of Massachusetts Legislation that Appropriately Protects the Gestational Surrogate


- Emily Jane Perkins from Northern Illinois College of Law: Regulating Appearance In The Workplace: An Employer’s Guide To Avoid Employment Discrimination Lawsuits

Fall 2013:

- Anastasia White from Nova Southeastern University—Shepard Broad Law
Center: The Road to Citizenship Under Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744)

- **Elizabeth Ann Geddes** from **Brooklyn Law School**: The H-1B Visa Program: Its Contradictory Perception And Why the U.S. Must Increase The Visa Cap

- **Larissa Lee** from **S.J. Quinney College of Law**: We're Getting Warmer: Why Advising Clients To Disclose Material Risks Associated With Climate Change Is Best Practice

- **Neema Chaiban** from **Northeastern University School of Law**: Reframing Climate Change: A Public Health-based Climate Change Framework

**Spring 2013:**

- **Jacob Bethel Woolstno** from **Southern Methodist University, SMU Dedman School of Law**: Closing Time for Anheuser-Busch, the NLRB Adopts a Balancing Test When Unions Request Witness Statements

- **Sixuan Lu** from **Southern Methodist University, SMU Dedman School of Law**: Far From Perfection: Individual Alternative Minimum Tax Is Still Alive

- **Courtney Anne Chicvak** from **St. John's University School of Law**: From Silver Bullets to Bazookas: Workers’ Innovative Challenge to Wal-Mart’s Employment Practices

- **Olivia J. Quinto** from **Rutgers School of Law**: The Siren Song of Securities: The Perils of Expert Networks & The Risks of Insider Trading

- **Edward Silverman** from **Pepperdine University School of Law**: The Suspicious Existence of the “Repeat Player Effect” in Mandatory Arbitration of Employment Disputes

**Winter 2013:**

- **Rebecca Heatherly Block** from **Southern University Law Center**: The 1/3: Childhood Obesity in the Twenty First Century

- **Chase Anders Manuel** from **Southern University Law Center**: Human Augmentation: A Bioethical Implication Analysis of Cybernetics, Nanotechnology, and Upgrades to the Human Body

**Fall 2012:**

- **Laura Homan** from **Chicago-Kent College of Law**: Not All "Entries" Are Equal – The Law of “Entry” and “Admission” for Purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act

- **Laura Ploeg** from **Villanova University School of Law**: Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting: A Law Student’s Freewheeling Inquiry
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Content Guidelines and Deadlines

Content Guidelines must be followed by all entrants to qualify. It is recommended that articles address the following monthly topic areas:

Suggested Topics:

- Election Law and Access to Voting
- President Trump and current administration
- Tax Issues
- Immigration enforcement and policy
- Federal Court issues: process of adding additional justices to the US Supreme
*Articles covering current issues related to other areas of the law may also be submitted.*

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- Format – HTML (preferred) or Microsoft® Word
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