

Writing Competitions
Compiled August 2019

Competition Name & Sponsor	Deadline Month (ordered Fall Semester-Spring Semester)	Topic	Website
National Law Review 2018-2019 Law Student Writing Competition	Rolling	Open	https://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition
James E. Beckley Securities Arbitration and Law Competition PIABA Foundation	September	Securities law and arbitration	http://www.piabafoundation.org/
YJ Writing Competition <i>The Yale Law Journal</i>	November	changes from year to year	https://www.yalelawjournal.org/news/announcing-the-second-yale-law-journal-forum-student-essay-competition
Securities Law Writing Competition Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni	November	Securities law	
Center for Alcohol Policy National Essay Contest Center for Alcohol Policy	December	Alcohol policy	http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/
ACCFSL Writing Competition American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers	December	Consumer financial services law	http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition
American Indian Law Writing Competition University of Oklahoma College of Law's American Indian Law Review	January	any legal issue specifically concerning American Indians or any other indigenous peoples	http://www.law.ou.edu/faculty-and-scholarship/journals/american-indian-law-review/writing-competition
Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition Grammy Foundation	January	Entertainment law	

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Donald C. Alexander Tax Writing Competition Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation	January	Federal tax law	www.fedbar.org
Louis Jackson National Student Memorial Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace	January	Labor and employment law	http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/louis-jackson-writing-competition
Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability	February	Professional responsibility	https://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/awards/overview/
Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition Michigan State University College of Law's Journal of Business and Securities Law	February	Business or securities law	
Family Law Writing Competition Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	February	Family law	

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<p>International Refugee Law Student Writing Competition</p> <p>The American Society of International Law's International Refugee Law Interest Group, Global Migration Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; the International Law Students Association (ILSA); the International Journal of Refugee Law; and the American Society of International Law (ASIL)</p>	February	International law and refugees, stateless persons, internally-displaced persons (IDPs), and forced migrants	https://www.ilsa.org
<p>Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts Annual Law Student Writing Competition</p> <p>Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts</p>	February	Judiciary accountability and court systems	
<p>ELI Constitutional Environmental Law Writing Competition</p> <p>The Environmental Law Institute</p>	April	Environmental law	http://www.eli.org/constitution-courts-and-legislation/diamond-constitutional-environmental-law-writing-competition
<p>Henry L. Diamond Constitutional Environmental Law Writing Competition</p> <p>ELI with funding from Beveridge & Diamond</p>	April	Constitutional environmental law	https://www.eli.org/constitution-courts-and-legislation/current-diamond-constitutional-environmental-law-writing-competition
<p>Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition</p> <p>Notre Dame Law School</p>	April	Legal ethics	http://www.law.nd.edu/smith-doheny
<p>2016 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest</p> <p>ABA Section on Family Law</p>	April	Family law	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html

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Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition John Marshall Law School in Chicago	April	Tax law	www.jmls.edu/faherty
Intellectual Property Law Section Writing Competition Pennsylvania Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section	April	Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, or trade dress	https://www.pabar.org/public/sections/int17/pdf/IPWritingContest.pdf
ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Annual Law Student Writing Competition ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence	May	Domestic and sexual violence and the law	http://www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence/awards/14th_annual_writing_competition.html
Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition Supreme Court of Oklahoma and the Sovereignty Symposium	May	any area of the law related to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples	
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg "Pursuit of Justice" Legal Writing Competition Philadelphia Bar Association	June	Rights and privileges granted under federal law	www.philadelphiabar.org
Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition The Planning and Law Division of the American Planning Association	June	any topic in city planning, land use, local government, or environmental law	
Judge John R. Brown Award Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation	June	open; can address any legal issue	https://www.brownsims.com/about-brownsims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/

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<p>The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law Annual Law Student Writing Competition</p> <p>College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law</p>	June	Labor and employment law	www.laborandemploymentlawcollege.org
<p>University of Pennsylvania Law Review's Public Interest Essay Competition</p> <p>University of Pennsylvania Law Review</p>	June	Social justice and the public interest	https://www.pennlawreview.com/PublicInterestEssayCompetition/
<p>Employee Benefits Writing Competition</p> <p>American College of Employee Benefits Counsel</p>	June	Employee benefits law	
<p>Robert C. Watson Competition</p> <p>American Intellectual Property Law Association</p>	June	Intellectual property law	http://www.aipla.org/resources2
<p>Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition</p> <p>Mercer University School of Law and the American Bar Association Commission on Disability Rights</p>	June	Disability law and federal discrimination laws	http://law.mercer.edu/academics/legalwriting/milani-writing-competition.cfm

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Law Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Law Lawyers' Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation	June	Art and cultural heritage law	https://www.culturalheritagelaw.org/competition
Warren E. Burger Prize The American Inns of Court	July	Civility, ethics, and professionalism	http://home.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize
William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition ABA Criminal Justice Section	July	Criminal justice	americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice
Tannenwald Writing Competition Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship	July	Federal or state tax law	http://www.tannenwald.org/
New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals and the Law Student Writing Competition New York State Bar Association Committee on Animals and the Law	July	Animals and the law	