



Health Law and Policy Program

Third Annual National Health Law Writing Competition

2018 Rules and Requirements

1. Papers must address an issue or issues related to health law and/or food and drug law.
2. Current (academic school year 2017-2018) 2L, 3L, and 4L (evening/part-time) JD and LLM students enrolled in a U.S. law school are eligible to participate.
3. Only one eligible student may write the submitted paper (i.e., no teams or assistance by others).
4. A student may submit a paper that he/she wrote in connection with law school coursework, provided that the paper is wholly the work product of the student.
5. 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 April 19, 2018. If the paper will be appearing in a publication after April 19, 2018, the student may submit that paper for this competition. As always, the paper must be wholly the work product of the student.

6. The deadline for submission of the Official Entry Form and the paper (in pdf format) is 5:00 pm Eastern time on Thursday April 19, 2018 using the on-line entry system found at: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/health/competition/>
7. Papers must adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. Use endnotes, with a page length between a minimum of 15 and maximum of 25 pages (exclusive of the endnotes);
 - b. One-inch margins;
 - c. 12-point Times New Roman font;
 - d. Double-spacing;
 - e. Blue Book style citations;
 - f. The title of the paper at the top of the first page (no table of contents, cover page, charts, graphs, diagrams or illustrations);
 - g. Page numbers at the bottom of each page; and
 - h. No name or other identifying information on the paper.
8. A select panel of impartial judges will evaluate the papers and determine First Place and Second Place, in the panel's sole discretion. The panel's decisions are final.
9. Judges will use the following criteria to score each eligible entry:
 - a. Novelty of Issue
 - b. Depth of Issue
 - c. Depth of Analysis
 - d. Clarity
 - e. Quality of Writing

10. Winners will be notified by email on or around June 1, 2018.
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 decline to 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 to receive the cash prizes. 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 receive a Certificate of Participation.
14. The *WCL Health Law and Policy Brief* will have the opportunity to consider publication of 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.