



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ATTORNEYS 5th ANNUAL LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

The IAHA law student writing competition fosters legal scholarship, education, and excellence in legal writing. The three best papers submitted in accordance with competition rules will be awarded prizes. The paper must be on a subject in the area of federal or Illinois health law chosen by the author. Prizes are presented at the IAHA Annual Health Law Symposium.

WRITING CONTEST RULES

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1. The competition is open to all J.D. candidates currently attending a law school in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri or Wisconsin, as well as all current Illinois residents who were J.D. candidates in 2012 in any U.S. law school.
2. Papers must be on a subject in the area of federal or Illinois health law chosen by the author. All submissions must address Illinois law in some manner. All submissions must include citations to three out of the following sources:
 - a. Federal or Illinois statutory law.
 - b. Federal or Illinois regulatory law.
 - c. Federal or Illinois case law.
 - d. Law review articles.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD CONTAIN LEGAL ANALYSIS.
3. Papers must contain original work done by the author exclusively. Only one author per paper.
4. No paper previously published or submitted for publication will be accepted. Papers submitted for academic credit may be submitted.
5. Authors may submit only one entry to the competition per year.
6. Papers must be in Microsoft Word format, double-spaced in 12-point type, not to exceed 20 pages in length excluding endnotes. Pages must be numbered at the bottom of each page. Margins shall not be less than one inch. All citations should be in endnote form in accordance with the most recent edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* and Illinois law. All endnotes shall be in arabic numbers without the use of “infra” or “supra.”

7. Papers must be submitted with two title pages. The first title page must contain the paper title, and the author's name and address. The second title page must contain only the paper title. A header or footer throughout the paper with the paper title only is recommended. Do not include author identifying information anywhere, but on the first title page.
8. A completed copy of the entry form must accompany each paper. Papers and entry forms must be submitted to the IAHA Writing Competition.
9. All submissions must be received no later than **June 1, 2012**. No late entries will be accepted.
10. Papers will be judged by healthcare attorneys selected by the IAHA Publications Committee. All decisions of the judges are final.
11. Papers will be judged on the following criteria: (1) Legal analysis including presentation of competing arguments; (2) quality and breadth of legal research (including references to sources set forth in Rule 2); (3) clarity of expression of opinions and arguments; (4) technical presentation (including proper citation format and grammar set forth in Rule 6) and (5) timeliness of topic. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST CONSIST OF A LEGAL ANALYSIS OF A HEALTH LAW ISSUE. A SUMMARY OR NARRATIVE DISCUSSION OF A HEALTH LAW ISSUE OR SOLELY A POLICY ARGUMENT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
12. Awarding any prizes is at the discretion of the judges and the IAHA Board. Winners will be selected and notified by **September 7, 2012**. Winners must provide a social security number and a mailing address in order to collect the cash awards. The first place entry will receive a cash award of \$2500, the second place entry will receive a cash award of \$1500, and the third place entry will receive a cash award of \$500. Additionally, the award of honorable mention may be given by the judges.
13. By submitting their entry, authors grant IAHA permission to publish their work through the IAHA website, IAHA Symposium materials and IAHA newsletter. The editorial board of the *Annals of Health Law*, a publication of the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Loyola University Chicago School of Law will consider the top papers in this competition for publication. If you do not want your paper to be considered for publication, please indicate so on the entry form.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

PAPERS AND ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **JUNE 1, 2012**

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