

NAELA STUDENT JOURNAL

General Information

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is pleased to present the Third Annual *NAELA Student Journal* Writing Competition offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. In addition to the \$1,500 cash award, the winner will be honored at the Fall 2008 NAELA Institute in Kansas City, MO and will receive up to \$1,000 for travel and meeting related expenses. The second place winner receives \$1,000 cash, and the third place winner receives \$500 cash.

The top eight articles submitted will be published in the *NAELA Student Journal*, an annual publication, and the top eight authors will receive a complimentary one-year membership to NAELA. This competition is open to all students in good standing who attend a law school within the United States.

Purpose

The writing competition helps law students find greater interest in, and understanding of issues related to the field of elder law.

Topic

The article should address any topic related to the intersection of law and aging, elder or disability planning.

Judging

Articles will be judged on originality, accuracy, research, conciseness, analysis, and clarity of style. Papers with excessive typographical and/or grammatical errors will be eliminated.

Conditions and Submission

The contest is open to all part- and full-time law students. All articles must be original and previously unpublished. Articles written for law school credit are acceptable. Jointly authored papers are not acceptable. NAELA encourages students to meet with a faculty member or practicing attorney for a review of their article prior to submission, but all content must be the student's own work. The faculty member or attorney who reviews the article must be listed on the cover page of the entry. Entries should be on standard letter paper and not exceed 35 pages in length, including footnotes, and be set at 12-point Times New Roman font with double spacing and one-inch margins. NAELA encourages students to provide an outline and follow a standard law review format. Articles should be submitted electronically in Word or WordPerfect.

Citations must appear as footnotes at the bottom of the page and be linked to the corresponding note in the body of the document. Cites must conform to *The Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation* or the 17th edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*. NAELA reserves the right to reject without reading any article that has substantial typographical or grammar errors.

Entries must be submitted electronically beginning March 1, 2008. All entries must be received by 12:00 p.m. on May 1, 2008. Winners will be announced September 2, 2008. A confirmation email will be sent within 72 hours of our receipt of your article. Please include the following information in the body of the email: **(1)** title, **(2)** date submitted for academic credit (if applicable), **(3)** name, **(4)** law school, **(5)** year of graduation, **(6)** mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

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