



# Elder Law Writing Competition

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is pleased to present the Fourth Annual NAELA Elder Law Writing Competition offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. The winner will be honored at a national NAELA conference in Fall 2009 and, in addition to the \$1,500 cash award, 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 will be published in the *NAELA Student Journal*, an annual publication, and may also be considered for publication in the *NAELA Journal*. The top eight authors will receive a complimentary one-year student membership to NAELA. This competition is open to all students in good standing who attend a U.S. law school. To view previous editions of the *NAELA Student Journal*, visit your local law library.

## Purpose

The writing competition was designed to focus students on the issues of Elder Law and Elder Law as a legal specialty.

## Topic

The article should address any topic regarding legal issues affecting seniors or people with disabilities.

## 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

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 All articles must be original and previously unpublished.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 lawyer who reviews the article must be listed on the cover page of the entry.

## Format

Entries should be set at 12-point Times New Roman font with double spacing and one-inch margins, not to exceed 35 pages including footnotes on standard letter paper. NAELA encourages students to provide an outline and follow a standard law review format. Please do not utilize macros or type in all caps. 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 grammatical errors.

## Submission

All entries must be submitted electronically between March 1, 2009 and June 1, 2009 to [mewhinka@wfu.edu](mailto:mewhinka@wfu.edu). Winners will be announced August 14, 2009. A confirmation e-mail will be sent within 72 hours after receipt of your article. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: (1) title (2) date submitted for academic credit (if applicable), (3) name, (4) law school, (5) year of graduation, (6) mailing addresses, telephone number, and e-mail addresses.

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