

International Association of LGBT Judges Writing Competition

National LGBT Bar Association Judiciary Division

For the first time, the International Association of LGBT Judges will be sponsoring a writing competition for all law students attending the 2012 Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair. This is an exciting opportunity for law students to speak directly to members of the United States judiciary. Students may choose one of the two following topics to write about:

- Diversity on the Bench
- Judicial Ethics around LGBT Issues

The International Association of LGBT Judges and the National LGBT Bar Association will award one applicant with a \$1,500 monetary award. The winner and any recipients of an honorable mention will receive complimentary registration to the 2012 Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair in Washington, DC. The winning entry will be posted on the American Judges Association's webpage with excerpts published in their magazine.

FORMAT: Each entry should be a scholarly piece fit for publication in a law review. Entries should follow standard note format, including Bluebook (19th edition) citation form. All entries must be submitted in English. Each entry should be no longer than 25 single-sided pages with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. The page limit includes footnotes. Footnotes should be single-spaced and 10-point font. Entries containing endnotes or including appendices or supplemental material will not be considered. **Published papers or papers to be published in other publications during the entirety of the competition process are ineligible.** Each individual may submit only one entry and group entries will not be accepted. Entries should be the sole work of the author and should not yet have undergone significant editing by others. Editing includes any significant revision as well as technical or substantive review of citations. Informal support, such as general comments on preliminary drafts, is allowed.

All entries must be submitted electronically in either Word or PDF format. **Entrants must not include their name or the name of their school on the competition paper itself.** Instead, participants must submit a **separate cover page** indicating their name, school, permanent address, telephone number, and a statement indicating that a preemption check has been completed as of the date of submission. We reserve the right to reject any submissions that do not conform to these standards, in particular those that list any identifying information on the submission directly. The timeline for the writing competition is as follows:

- **May 20, 2012:** Writing submissions due by 5:00pm ET
- **May 27, 2012:** Judges will review all writing submissions
- **June 22, 2012:** Judges will decide on a winner and two honorable mentions
- **August 23-25, 2012:** The winner of the writing competition will be recognized during the 2012 Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair

Please send all submissions to nominations@LGBTbar.org with the subject line "Judges Writing Competition" by **May 20, 2012**.

If you have any questions regarding the writing competition or 2012 Lavender Law®, please send your inquiries to info@LGBTbar.org.