

**MICHAEL GREENBERG WRITING COMPETITION
GUIDELINES**

To: Students Submitting to the Greenberg Competition
From: The Editorial Board of the Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality, Vol. 32
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Thank you for expressing desire in the Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition! Our Editorial Board is thrilled to read your submissions.

Founded in 1991, the Tulane Journal of Law and Sexuality (hereinafter “the Journal”) is the first student-edited law review in the United States devoted solely to covering legal issues of interest and concern to the LGBTQ+ community. In other words, we are the nation’s leading law journal specifically dedicated to a review of sexual orientation and gender identity in the law.

The Journal is also the official legal journal of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association. Every year, in conjunction with the Bar Association, we host the Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition where undergraduate, law, and other graduate students may submit pieces of original academic writing for consideration. Once submitted, our Editorial Board selects one winner as well as a runner-up. The winner then has an opportunity to be included in the Journal’s upcoming volume. Selection, however, is not a guarantee that the article will be published. Publication of the winning article and any runners-up depend solely on the judgment and discretion of our Board. The Journal reserves the right of first refusal for publication. It should also be noted that neither of the runner-up articles will be published if the winning piece is not published in that year’s volume.

To be considered for this competition, articles **must** adhere to the following formatting rules and guidelines:

- All submissions must be written in 12-point, standard Times New Roman font, both the text of the article and all footnotes. Article text must be double-spaced; footnotes are to be single-spaced.
- All footnotes must be listed in Arabic numbers (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.), and not Roman numerals (i.e., i, ii, iii, etc.). Articles must be submitted with footnotes only, not with endnotes. Please also refrain from including appendices or supplemental materials.
- All margins must be one inch.
- Every proposition, fact, quotation, or piece of data in the text must be cited to the appropriate authority. All assertions must be cited. Plagiarism is absolutely unacceptable—obviously.
- Format of all citations must adhere to the most recent edition of the Bluebook. MLA, APA, and other non-legal styles of citation are not permitted. Note, however, that where the Bluebook instructs to *italicize*, we prefer that you underline (e.g., say supra instead of *supra*.) In the event your article is selected for publication, this makes it more helpful for us during the editing process.
- All submissions must contain no grammatical, punctuation, or citation errors.

When submitting your article, please also submit a separate cover page which includes:

- Your name
- Your school and graduation year
- Your permanent address
- Your telephone number and email address
- A statement indicating that a preemption check has been completed on or before the date of your submission

Other important rules to which articles must adhere:

- All submissions **must be submitted electronically in Word format**, not as a PDF. Any submission to this Competition that has already been published or will be published by another entity during this Competition is ineligible and will be disqualified.
- Individuals may submit only one entry.
- All entries must be the sole work of the submitting author and must have not undergone significant editing by others. Any edits made prior to submission should be made by the author alone. However, informal support from others on preliminary drafts (i.e., receiving general feedback and comments) is permitted.
- Our Board reserves the right to reject any article that does not conform to these standards.

****Finally, all submissions must adhere to this following rule.**** If nothing else, every entry **MUST** at least conform to this one rule to be considered:

All submissions must fit within the masthead of our Journal. In other words, each article submitted must be a scholarly review of a legal issue related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or the LGBTQ+ community generally.

Our Journal is the nation's leading law review specifically devoted to these issues—any issue that does not analyze legal issues surrounding the LGBTQ+ community, by definition, is not publishable. Any submission that does not fit under our masthead will therefore not be considered for this Competition.

Top articles will conform to these aforementioned rules, guidelines, and expectations. We are excited that you are interested in this Competition as well as devoting time to analyze legal issues at the forefront of the LGBTQ+ community's fight for equal rights. We look forward to reading your insightful articles.

All the best,

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