

## **William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition – ABA Criminal Justice Section**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to all students who are members of the American Bar Association and who, at the date the entry is submitted, attend and are in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school within the United States and its possessions. Membership in the Criminal Justice Section is not a requirement for eligibility.

**TOPIC:** Any timely and important issue of American criminal constitutional procedure of interest to practitioners of criminal law.

**JUDGING:** A winning entry will contain an original discussion of the issue chosen, will be substantively accurate, will be supported by citations, and will be grammatically correct, concise, and clearly written. The Section reserves the right not to award a prize if, in the judgment of the editorial board of the magazine, no entry meets these conditions. The decision of the editorial board will be final.

**PRIZE:** The winner will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and free airfare and accommodations to attend a Section meeting at which the award will be presented. In addition, the winner's law school will receive a plaque from the ABA's Criminal Justice Section. At the discretion of the editorial board, the winning entry may be selected for publication in Criminal Justice magazine, subject to editing.

**ALL ENTRANTS:** Receive one year's free full membership in the Criminal Justice Section.

**CONDITIONS:** Only original and previously unpublished papers are eligible. Papers prepared for law school credit are eligible provided they are the entrant's original work. Jointly authored papers are not eligible. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to have their work reviewed and critiqued by a faculty member or practicing lawyer, although the submission must be the student's own work product. The name of the reviewing faculty member or lawyer must be listed on the cover page of the entry (see below.) Section officers, staff, Criminal Justice magazine editorial board and selection committee members shall not participate in this process.

**FORMAT:** Entries cannot exceed 4,000 words, including titles, text, and citations. Entrants must certify word count. Entries may be submitted (1) in Word or WordPerfect as an e-mail attachment, or (2) on standard, 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, double-spaced. Paper entries must also be available in an electronic format. Entries should reflect the magazine's style and avoid the outline or law review format. Citations must be embedded in text; entries with footnotes or endnotes will not be accepted. Citations must conform to the 19th edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS – PAPER ENTRIES:** Four copies are required, each with a title page. One title page must include (1) title of paper, (2) last six digits of author's Social Security number (3) author's name, (4) telephone numbers, and mailing and e-mail addresses where author can be reached April through August 2011, (5) name of law school, (6) year of expected graduation, (7) date submitted for academic credit (if applicable), (8) name of individual who reviewed the paper (if applicable), (9) entrant's personal certification of good standing at the law school. Three of the title pages must include only the title of the paper and the last six digits of the entrant's Social Security number. **ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** The first page of the electronic paper must include a title and, in the upper left corner, the last six digits of the author's Social Security number. (This need not be a separate title page; text may

begin directly below the title.) The e-mail message that accompanies the electronic entry must include all of the information listed in numbers 3 through 9 of the rules for paper entries.

**DEADLINE: Entries, including electronic, must be received by the editor no later than April 25, 2011.** Paper entries must be postmarked on or before that date, by U.S. mail or a recognized commercial express service. Entries submitted by fax will not be accepted. Entries failing to comply with these requirements will not be considered. The winner will be notified by June 6, 2011.

Send entries to MaryAnn Dadisman, Editor, Criminal Justice Magazine [MS20.1], American Bar Association, 321N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60654-7598 or e-mail to [mdadisman@staff.abanet.org](mailto:mdadisman@staff.abanet.org). Questions? E-mail or call the editor at (312) 988-6047. For more information about the Section, programs for law students, and Criminal Justice magazine, visit [www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html).



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