

# The Washington College of Law 2010 Legal Essay Writing Competition

## **Invitation to Submit Essays in the Dedication to the Advancement of Women's Rights**

*The Modern American (TMA)* announces the American University Washington College of Law (WCL) essay competition, open to all full-time and part-time law students enrolled in and attending an accredited law school in the United States.

*TMA* has created a writing competition that highlights the **status and future of women's bodily freedom in American policy-making and jurisprudence.**

Women's bodily freedom is an issue that has hung in the balance for a number of years. Yet new, controversial laws that criminalize pregnant women's behavior and girls' refusal to receive arguably harmful immunizations have put women's bodily freedom back into the forefront of the public's attention. What is the status of women's bodily freedom and what should women's rights advocates anticipate looking forward?

The winner of the competition will not only receive \$1,000, but will also have the opportunity to publish his/her essay in *TMA*.

### **PRIZES INCLUDE:**

\$1000 and potential publication in *TMA*

### **TOPIC:**

The status and future of women's bodily freedom in  
American policy-making and jurisprudence

### **DEADLINE:**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at noon**  
(Eastern Standard Time)

## Rules and Regulations

1. Any student regularly enrolled in and attending classes full-time or part-time at an accredited law school in the United States is eligible to enter. Submissions must be through email to [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu), with one cover page that includes all personal information (name, address, phone number, email, law school, and essay title). Please indicate in the subject of your e-mail that you are submitting a paper for the WBA/WCL Writing Competition.
2. Papers **must** be the original, unpublished work of an individual student but may have been prepared as a course assignment. Some law school faculty guidance is permitted, but guidance by the competition judges is not permitted.
3. Papers must be typed, 20-30 pages in length, single-spaced, unjustified, Garamond font typeface with one-inch margins. Submissions should contain endnote citations, included in the paper's length. Endnotes should conform to the 18th edition of *A Uniform System of Citation* (The Bluebook). Most important, submissions **MUST be within the subject matter described in the introduction above.**
4. Papers will be evaluated by the following criteria: writing quality and clarity; the level of interest that a broad segment of the legal profession would have for the topic and content; analysis and reasoning; timeliness, originality and creativity; quality and use of research; and compliance with these rules.
5. Papers will be evaluated, and the prize will be awarded, at the discretion of a panel of scholars and attorneys who will have no knowledge of the author's name or law school.
6. The winner as well as all participants will be notified regarding the competition results by mail on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
7. Entries must be **received no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at noon (Eastern Standard Time)**, at [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu).
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