

# ILSA SPRING CONFERENCE

## International Law and the Individual

### Student Writing Competition

The International Law Students Association invites Chapter members to submit papers for the ILSA Spring Conference Writing Competition. The theme of the Spring Conference is "International Law and the Individual". Students are asked to submit an original work that explores how international law has evolved over the years from governing relations among states to obligating and protecting individuals in accord with international norms. Each participant in the Writing Competition will be required to submit a 12-15 page paper with footnotes. Content, grammar, style,

and citation will all be taken into account during the review process. The authors of the top three papers will be notified in late February and will be asked to deliver a presentation based on their paper at the ILSA Spring Conference. The author of the top paper will be offered the opportunity to print the article in the *ILSA Quarterly*.

Completed papers, along with a cover letter, must be emailed to ILSA Student President Molly McNab at [president@ilsa.org](mailto:president@ilsa.org) by 11:59pm U.S. Standard Time, February 15, 2010.

### About the ILSA Spring Conference

The ILSA Spring Conference will take place on March 25-26, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The conference, to be held at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, will feature numerous panel discussions, student presentations, and social events. The Conference will bring together hundreds of law students from around the world to learn and network with esteemed members of the international legal community. Students will have the opportunity to speak one-to-one with panelists and experts exchanging ideas in the heart of the spectacular scenery of Washington, D.C.

The Conference's overall theme is "International Law and the Individual." One often thinks of international law as interactions between sovereign states, or as affecting large groups of people who have fallen victim to atrocities occurring elsewhere in the world. However, international law affects everyone, no matter where one lives.

Come discover how important international law is to all of us in our everyday interactions. Topics to be discussed include: environmental law and cross border pollution; private business law; immigration and the importance of nationality and citizenship; refugee and asylum law; individual criminal liability under international law; the effect of international criminal law on the victim, prosecution, and reconciliation; women's rights; cultural issues in the courts; and career opportunities.

### Competition Topic:

**How international law has evolved over the years from governing relations among states to obligating and protecting individuals in accord with international norms.**

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# Writing Competition Rules and Requirements

All ILSA members are invited to participate in the ILSA Spring Conference Writing Competition. ILSA will judge submissions on the quality of legal analysis, effective writing style, and innovative contribution to the field of international law. Content, grammar, style, and citation will all be taken into account during the review process. The top paper will receive an offer to publish in the *ILSA Quarterly* and the authors will have the opportunity to present their papers at the ILSA Spring Conference. For more information about the writing competition, please contact ILSA Student President Molly McNab at [president@ilsa.org](mailto:president@ilsa.org).

### Important Information for Participants

**Eligibility:** All ILSA members are eligible to participate in the Competition. Only one entry per student is permitted. Multiple submissions will result in disqualification. Co-authored papers are ineligible.

**Submission Procedure:** In addition to the paper, each student must submit a SEPARATE cover page include the student's name, street address, phone number, email address, and law school. The student's name and other identifying markings such as school name MAY NOT appear on the submitted paper. Submissions must be email as an EMAIL ATTACHMENT to [president@ilsa.org](mailto:president@ilsa.org) by 11:59 pm U.S. Central Standard Time on Monday, February 15, 2010.

**Content:** Papers will be judged on the quality of legal analysis, effective writing style, readiness for publication, originality, organization, and innovative contribution to the field of international law. Content, grammar, style, and citation will all be taken into account during the review process.

**Format:** Submissions must be the original, unpublished academic work of one student. The length of the paper must be between 12 and 15 pages, including footnotes. The text of the paper must be in double-spaced 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Footnotes may be in single-spaced 10-point font.

**Citations:** Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the paper. Endnotes are not permitted. Each citation must include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.

**Deadline:** Submissions must be emailed to [president@ilsa.org](mailto:president@ilsa.org) by 11:59 pm U.S. Central Standard Time on Monday, February 1, 2010. Papers submitted after this date will not be considered.

**Judging Process:** All submissions will go through an initial screening process. All eligible submissions will be reviewed by three readers. The finalists will be reviewed by a panel consisting of ILSA officers and international law professors. The panel will select the top three papers, and select the winning paper from among the top three papers. Winners will be announced in late February 2010.

**Award:** The top paper will be published in the *ILSA Quarterly* student magazine. The authors of the top three papers will be offered the opportunity to present their papers at the ILSA Spring Conference in March.

**Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee.

**Previous Publication or Use of the Paper:** No paper previously published will be considered. Papers relating to research done by the author and submitted to fulfill a course requirement or law journal credit requirement may be submitted. Papers currently being considered for publication may be submitted, but the author must inform the editors of the alternative journal to ensure the entry in this competition will not interfere with the author's opportunity for publication in that journal.

### Relevant Dates

#### February 15, 2010

Writing Competition Papers due to [president@ilsa.org](mailto:president@ilsa.org)

#### Late February, 2010

Writing Competition Winners Announced

#### March 25-26, 2010

ILSA Spring Conference to be held at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC

#### April, 2010

Top paper printed in the *ILSA Quarterly* Volume 18, Issue 4

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