

DRAFT PROPOSAL
for the creation of an annual
OUTSTANDING ENV. & LAND USE LAW REVIEW ARTICLE AWARD
by the WSBA ELUL Section

WSBA ELUL's Young Lawyer and Student Outreach Liaisons propose creating an annual \$2500¹ award² recognizing the best law review note or article related to environmental or land use law that was:

1. written by a law student enrolled in any law school in the State of Washington, or
2. written by an author who graduated within the past two³ years from any law school in the State of Washington, or
3. submitted exclusively⁴ for publication in any or all legal journal[s]⁵ associated with any law school in the State of Washington.

REQUIREMENTS

Entry topics should focus on cutting-edge legal issues related to Environmental and/or Land Use Law. Entries must not have been published more than 12 months before the deadline for this annual award.⁶ Entries should follow standard Note or Article format, including Bluebook citations. All entries must be submitted in English. Each entry should be no longer than 50⁷ single-sided pages with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font, double spaced, includes footnotes. Entries containing endnotes or including appendices or supplemental material will not be considered.⁸ Entries with multiple authors will only be considered if each and every author meet the eligibility criteria.⁹

HOW TO ENTER

Entrants should submit a cover page with their name, school, address, email address and phone number, and a brief statement to show compliance with the eligibility criteria for this Award. Entries should be in PDF or Microsoft Word

¹ Or another amount?

² Potentially a second award for the runner up?

³ Pick a duration that makes the most sense?

⁴ Or perhaps limited to only those accepted for publication?

⁵ Or only environmental journals?

⁶ Or some otherwise worded condition that promotes new works, not recycled articles that's long been published previously?

⁷ Or other max page limit?

⁸ Or follow whatever the formatting conditions the 3 WA law schools use.

⁹ Allow multiple authors to share an award?

format.¹⁰ Entrants must submit their entry by email to _____, with the subject line “Writing Competition Submission.” All entries must be received on or before Noon Pacific on July 1¹¹ of the year of the competition. For any questions, email _____.

ADJUDICATION

Papers will be judged by a panel consisting of WSBA’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section members designated by the WSBA ELUL Executive Committee. Papers will be judged on the basis of relevance to environmental and/or land use law, originality and timeliness of topic, knowledge and use of applicable legal principles, proper and articulate analysis of the issues, use of authorities and extent of research, logic and reasoning in analysis, ingenuity and ability to argue by analogy, clarity and organization, correctness of format and citations, grammar and writing style, and strength and logic of conclusions. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.

¹⁰ Or only one? Or require both?

¹¹ Or another date that makes sense based on Journal publishing cycles?