


AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
COMMISSION
ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Announces

**ITS FIFTH ANNUAL
LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION**

Law students are invited to submit articles addressing domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective.

AWARDS

- 1st Place:** Publication in the National Association of Women Lawyers' *Women Lawyers Journal* Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and \$750
- 2nd Place:** Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and \$500
- 3rd Place:** Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and \$250

All winners' names and papers will also appear on the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence website at www.abanet.org/domviol. Winners may submit their papers to other law review journals for publication, but must include a notation of their winning status in the ABA writing competition, and credit the *Women Lawyers Journal* where appropriate.

DEADLINE

Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 28, 2008, 5:00 p.m. EST via email at runger@staff.abanet.org. No exceptions. Winners will be notified in August 2008.

GUIDELINES

Submissions may be no longer than 7500 words, including footnotes and other text but excluding author identifying information, and must be double-spaced with one-inch margins. Any paper exceeding the 7500 word limit **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**. Students are free to submit papers of shorter length as we are most concerned with quality and originality. Authors must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school at the date of their submission or must have graduated in December 2007 or later. Submissions may not have been previously accepted for publication, and if previously submitted elsewhere, first place winner agrees to publication by the *Women Lawyers Journal*. Submissions must further the legal needs of victims of domestic violence or domestic violence victims and their children, or advance efforts to address the incidence, causes and effects of intimate partner violence. The ABA Commission on Domestic Violence reserves the right not to give the awards if the Commission deems all or any part of the submissions not of appropriate quality.

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