



Elder Law Writing Competition

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is pleased to present the **Fourth Annual NAELA Elder Law Writing Competition** offering a \$1,500 cash prize for the best article submitted. The winner will be honored at a national NAELA conference in Fall 2009 and, in addition to the \$1,500 cash award, will receive up to \$1,000 for travel and meeting-related expenses. The second place winner receives \$1,000 cash, and the third place winner receives \$500 cash.

The top eight articles will be published in the *NAELA Student Journal*, an annual publication, and may also be considered for publication in the *NAELA Journal*. The top eight authors will receive a complimentary one-year student membership to NAELA. This competition is open to all students in good standing who attend a U.S. law school. To view previous editions of the *NAELA Student Journal*, visit your local law library.

Purpose

The writing competition was designed to focus students on the issues of Elder Law and Elder Law as a legal specialty.

Topic

The article should address any topic regarding legal issues affecting seniors or people with disabilities.

Judging

Articles will be judged on originality, accuracy, research, conciseness, analysis, and clarity of style. Papers with excessive typographical and/or grammatical errors will be eliminated.

Conditions

The contest is open to all part- and full-time law students. All articles must be original and previously unpublished. Articles written for law school credit are acceptable. Jointly authored papers are not acceptable.

NAELA encourages students to meet with a faculty member or practicing attorney for a review of their article prior to submission, but all content must be the student's own work. The faculty member or lawyer who reviews the article must be listed on the cover page of the entry.

Format

Entries should be set at 12-point Times New Roman font with double spacing and one-inch margins, not to exceed 35 pages including footnotes on standard letter paper. NAELA encourages students to provide an outline and follow a standard law review format. Please do not utilize macros or type in all caps. Articles should be submitted electronically in Word or WordPerfect.

Citations must appear as footnotes at the bottom of the page and be linked to the corresponding note in the body of the document. Cites

must conform to The Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation or the 17th edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation. NAELA reserves the right to reject without reading any article that has substantial typographical or grammatical errors.

Submission

All entries must be submitted electronically between March 1, 2009 and June 1, 2009 to mewhinka@wfu.edu. Winners will be announced August 14, 2009. A confirmation e-mail will be sent within 72 hours after receipt of your article. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: (1) title (2) date submitted for academic credit (if applicable), (3) name, (4) law school, (5) year of graduation, (6) mailing addresses, telephone number, and e-mail addresses.

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RE: Student Writing Competition
Elder Law Curriculum

Dear Katharine:

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is pleased to present the **Fourth Annual Elder Law Writing Competition**. Topics should address law and aging/ disability planning issues. The top eight articles will be published in the *NAELA Student Journal* in the fall of 2009, and the authors will receive a complimentary one-year membership in NAELA.

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This opportunity is open to all students in good standing who attend a law school within the United States. The writing competition helps students to focus and develop a greater understanding of Elder Law issues. The best judged article will receive a **\$1,500 cash prize** as well as up to \$1,000 for travel and meeting-related expenses to be honored at the Fall 2009 NAELA conference. The cash prizes for second and third places are \$1,000 and \$500, respectively.

Law students interested in the Elder Law Writing Competition may also be interested in pursuing a career in elder and special needs law and may inquire about courses that they should take in law school. The NAELA Board of Directors approved a **Model Elder and Special Needs Law Curriculum** to help prepare students to practice in this increasingly important area of law. This curriculum reflects the range of subject matters that make up a typical elder law practice, and incorporates courses typically offered in the nation's law schools. I have attached a copy of this curriculum in hopes that you will make it available to students at your institution. I also invite you to encourage your students to become student NAELA members to become involved.

For further information on the Writing Competition, or Elder Law Curriculum, please contact Kate Mewhinney at mewhinka@wfu.edu.

Sincerely,

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On May 2, 2007, NAELA Board of Directors approved the following Elder Law School Curriculum.

Recommended core courses

- Any Elder Law specific course, including substantive courses, seminars, clinics and internships
- Trusts & Estates (survey course)
- Estate Planning
- Estate & Gift Tax
- Bioethics or Death & Dying
- Wills & Trusts Drafting
- Interviewing, Counseling, Negotiations
- Administrative Law
- Public Benefits or Poverty Law
- Any writing requirement should be satisfied by writing on an elder law topic

Recommended "Electives"

- Trial Advocacy
- Health Law
- Housing & the law
- Family Law
- Consumer Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Disabilities law
- Pension Law or Employee Benefits
- Law Practice Management
- Financial planning course
- Accounting & the Law
- Insurance Law

This curriculum assumed a certain number of required law school courses, such as Professional Responsibility, Civil Procedure, Contracts, Property, Torts, Evidence, etc.