



CRIMINAL LAW SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

MARSHALL M. SCHULMAN 2020-2021 COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PAPERS IN CRIMINAL LAW AND/OR CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The Criminal Law Section of the California Lawyer's Association (formerly the Criminal Law Section of the California State Bar) is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Marshall M. Schulman Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure. This is a nationwide competition; while the focus is on California law, past winners have included students attending schools from coast to coast.

PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE

- ◆ \$1500 cash prize
- ◆ The Grand Prize –winning paper will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- ◆ One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

THREE HONORABLE MENTION PRIZES:

- ◆ \$500 cash prize
- ◆ Each of the papers awarded Honorable Mention status will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- ◆ One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by a student enrolled in law school at the time the author submits a paper to this Competition. First-year law students are encouraged to submit entries.

CONTEST RULES

The paper must pertain to criminal law and/or to criminal procedure, with a particular focus on contemporary issues of concern in the State of California. The paper should be original and scholarly. It should be appropriately and carefully annotated to reflect the authorities that support the author's opinions and findings, and upon which the author otherwise relies. It need not be a law review "note"-style document; past winners have included articles about new developments in criminal procedure, sentencing alternatives, and other topics that can be discussed with more brevity.

Papers should be between **1,500** and **4,500** words in length, including any citations, and should follow the citation style of The Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation. Papers that have previously been published in a book, journal, magazine, or newspaper are not eligible.

Papers submitted to the Competition must be in Word format and sent by e-mail attachment to the following Criminal Law Journal co-editor:

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Papers submitted to the 2020-2021 Criminal Law Section Student Paper Competition must be e-mailed no later than midnight, Friday, April 2, 2021. Submissions must be accompanied by an e-mail cover letter verifying the author's current law school enrollment and authorizing the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar to publish the paper in the Criminal Law Journal.

JUDGING

The papers will be judged by members of the Criminal Law Executive Committee, who will evaluate the papers on their originality and informational value, as well as the quality of the author's legal research, writing and analysis. The decision of the judges is final. Papers must be of publishable quality, and the Criminal Law Section reserves the right not to award one or more of the listed prizes, if, in the sole opinion of the judges, the papers submitted in the Competition do not meet its standards.

The Criminal Law Section reserves the right to edit the papers that are selected for publication.

For more information about the competition, please see <http://calawyers.org/Sections/Criminal-Law/Student-Writing-Competition>