Eligibility

The competition is open to students enrolled in an ABA accredited law school during the 2016-2017 academic year. Students of all backgrounds and identities are encouraged to apply. Entry topics should focus on a cutting-edge legal issue affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender communities. Entries should have been written during 2016 and should not be previously published or scheduled for publication. Students promise exclusive submission to the Dukeminier Journal until January 17, 2017. Entries should not be in consideration at other journals before this date.

Prior topics include legal issues involving the intersection of sexual orientation and/or gender identity with the following themes: parenting, racial and ethnic identities, employment, youth, transgender issues, intersex issues, bisexual erasure, marriage, social movements, sports, international comparative law, administrative law, criminal law, constitutional law, and evidence law.

Requirements

Entries should follow standard Note format, including Bluebook (20th edition) citation form. All entries must be submitted in English. Each entry should be no longer than 40 single-sided pages with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. The page limit includes footnotes. Entries containing endnotes or including appendices or supplemental material will not be considered.

How to Enter

Entrants may choose to either submit their entry by email or by postal mail. All entries must be received on or before December 1, 2016. Entrants should not include their name or the name of their school on the competition paper itself. Instead, participants should submit a cover page indicating their name, school, address, email address and phone number. Entries by email should be in Microsoft Word format and sent to josol@lawnet.ucla.edu with the subject line "Writing Competition Submission." Mailed entries should be sent to:

The Dukeminier Awards Writing Competition
The Williams Institute
UCLA School of Law
P.O. Box 951476
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1476

The Dukeminier Awards Student Writing Competition annually recognizes the best law review note written by a student in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity law.

The First Place Jeffrey S. Haber award is $1,000 and will be recognized as part of the Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles of 2016.

This award is named in memory of Jesse J. Dukeminier (1925-2003), who was a member of the UCLA law faculty for forty years.

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For any questions, please email:
josol@lawnet.ucla.edu.

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