

Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia and The Washington College of Law

Invitation to Submit Essays in the Dedication to the Advancement of Women's Rights

The Modern American (TMA) announces the American University - Washington College of Law (WCL) essay competition, open to all full-time and part-time law students enrolled in and attending an accredited law school in the United States.

The Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia (WBA) and WCL share an important history in advancing women in the law and women's rights. *TMA* celebrates this joint history by creating a writing competition that highlights the **intersection between immigration and violence against women**. In both the domestic and international contexts, immigration and violence are inexorably connected. This timely issue marks the 15th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th. This contest will commemorate these landmarks by highlighting the often invisible link between immigration and violence, specifically violence against women. The winner of the competition will not only receive \$1,000, but will also have the opportunity to publish his/her essay in *TMA*.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

\$1000 and possibility of publishing the essay in *TMA*.

TOPIC:

Issues involving the intersection between immigration and violence against women.

DEADLINE:

October 1st, 2009, at noon.
(Eastern Standard Time)



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Rules and Regulations

1. Any student regularly enrolled in and attending classes full-time or part-time at an accredited law school in the United States is eligible to enter. Submissions must be through email to tma@wcl.american.edu, with one cover page that includes all personal information (name, address, phone number, email, law school, and essay title). Please indicate in the subject of your e-mail, that you are submitting a paper for the WBA/WCL Writing Competition.

2. Papers **must** be the original, unpublished work of an individual student, but may have been prepared as a course assignment. Some guidance of law school faculty is permitted, except for guidance by the competition judges.

3. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 by 11 inch white paper, 20-30 pages in length, and **MUST be within the subject matter described in the introduction above**. Use endnote form, which will be included in the paper's length. Citations, and endnotes are to be in accord with the current edition of *A Uniform System of Citation* (The Bluebook).

4. Papers will be evaluated by the following criteria: writing quality and clarity; the interest of the topic and content to a broad segment of the legal profession; analysis and reasoning; timeliness, originality and creativity; quality and use of research; and compliance with these rules.

5. Papers will be evaluated, and the prize will be awarded, at the discretion of a panel of scholars and attorneys who will have no knowledge of the author's name or law school.

6. The winner as well as all participants will be notified regarding the competition results by mail on October 21st, 2009.

7. Entries must be **received no later than October 1st, 2009 at noon (eastern standard time), at tma@wcl.american.edu**.

8. Entry grants *TMA* the right of first publication of the paper and the copyright if published, constitutes certification of it as an original unpublished and un plagiarized work, and is the author's agreement to hold *TMA* and its members harmless from, and to indemnify them for, any and all damages and costs relating to copyright infringement or plagiarism.

9. Please notify us at tma@wcl.american.edu if any of your contact information changes.

