

# National Pro-Life Legal Writing Award

Prize: **\$750**

Deadline: **November 30, 2012**

Contest Rules: [tinyurl.com/7L24stp](http://tinyurl.com/7L24stp)

Submit your application to:  
[legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org)



Legal scholarship – papers published in law reviews – has a large impact. Courts frequently cite these papers when resolving new and undecided issues. For example, *Roe v. Wade* cited numerous law review articles. There is a significant shortage of pro-life legal scholarship, especially by students.

Entries are being accepted for the 2012 year. Submit yours today to [legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org) and also be sure to check out the most current contest rules here:

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## \$750 Cash Award to Published Work by Pro-Life Law Students Official Rules

The Pro-life Legal Scholarship Competition recognizes outstanding legal scholarship published by students in law journals through a cash award of \$750 provided to the author(s) of the winning entry. The Competition rewards innovative writing and legal research that focuses on issues relevant to the pro-life movement or future judicial decision making on abortion or life-related issues.

### Entry Requirements

Any student-authored paper on a pro-life topic that is published, scheduled, or accepted for publication in a law journal between January 1, 2012 and November 30, 2012 may be submitted. For the purposes of this competition, a law journal includes 1) any official law review or journal at an ABA-accredited law school or 2) publication of the American Bar Association that is available on the Westlaw and LexisNexis legal research databases.

### Eligibility

Any law student or graduate student enrolled in law school at the time of entry is eligible. If an entry involves multiple authors, all authors must be eligible and join the entry.

### Deadline and submission requirements

Only electronic copies of entries are accepted. Entries must be emailed by midnight on November 30, 2012 Eastern Standard Time (EST) to [legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:legalcontest@masscitizensforlife.org). Emails will be confirmed as to receipt of valid entries. Entries must include a MS Word or PDF version of the paper along with a cover letter (which may be in the body of the email) detailing the author's school, expected date of graduation, and when and where the paper was published or will be published. Entries that have not yet been published should include documentation reflecting that the author has received an offer of publication.

### Copyright and Publicity

Neither the Competition nor MCFL claims any rights in the entries or final published papers. The winner agrees to provide a short biographical entry and photo to be used by the Competition.

### Announcement of Winner

The winner will be announced on or before January 15, 2013. If the winning entry has multiple authors, the award will be distributed pro rata to the authors. The Competition and MCFL, however, reserve the right not to make an award.