



NAPW LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION 2009-2010 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

**\$1,000 FIRST PRIZE
\$500 AND \$250 FOR RUNNERS-UP**

Issues of concern to pregnant and birthing women have often been missing from discussion in law school gender discrimination and feminist jurisprudence courses and among reproductive rights activists. Thanks in large part to public education efforts by writers, filmmakers, and community activists, there is an unprecedented amount of attention and momentum surrounding the rights of pregnant and birthing women. To advance these efforts further, NAPW has developed its second annual writing contest. NAPW and numerous Co-Sponsors and Supporters hope that this contest will leverage the enthusiasm and creativity of a new generation of feminist legal scholars and spark critical thinking about the need to address childbirth and birthing rights as constitutional and human rights issues.

BIRTHING RIGHTS AS A MATTER OF GENDER EQUALITY

This contest asks for a critical analysis of the absence of birthing rights issues from gender discrimination and feminist jurisprudence textbooks and curricula (in fact, none of the top three casebooks used in law school courses dedicated to gender and the law address the issue of childbirth or midwifery).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED **December 15, 2010 NOON EST**

For the full writing prompt, more information about our co-sponsors and supporters, and periodic updates, please visit <http://www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org>.

Please submit essays electronically as an attachment in .doc (Microsoft Word) format to writingcontest@advocatesforpregnantwomen.org.

Only current law students and 2010 graduates are eligible to enter. While students are encouraged to submit their essays for publication, essays that have already been published or accepted for publication in any form at the time of submission will not be considered. Winners will be notified as soon as possible. Response may be delayed due to volume of entries.

Additional questions may be directed to writingcontest@advocatesforpregnantwomen.org.