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Dear Ms. Bruce,

The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)® would like to inform you of some of our upcoming 2010 opportunities that may be of interest to you, your faculty and your law students.

Opportunities for law students:

Currently, we are soliciting entries for the **Fifth Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition**. The competition carries a \$500 prize for the first place essay and the opportunity for the winning essay to be published in the summer edition of the *Women Lawyers Journal*, our quarterly publication sent to thousands of NAWL members and subscribers nationwide. I have attached a copy of the guidelines and would appreciate it if you would publicize the competition, which has an **April 30, 2010** deadline, to your law students and student organizations.

Additionally, we also offer the **NAWL Outstanding Law Student Award** through all ABA-accredited law schools each year. We ask the faculty to identify a male or female, third year law student who meets the enclosed selection criteria. The nominated student is given a complimentary annual membership to NAWL along with special recognition in an issue of the *Women Lawyers Journal*. Submission for nomination of your school's 2010 Outstanding Law Student is due no later than **May 14, 2010**.

Opportunities for the law school and faculty:

A law school membership to NAWL ensures that you will be among the first to learn about all of NAWL's activities, including:

- Unique programs of interest to faculty and students, ranging from our Supreme Court program to Negotiating Skills for Women to Backpack to Briefcase, a transitions program to assist law students in moving into practice. These events are held in various cities throughout the U.S. during the year.

**National Association of Women Lawyers®**  
**Fifth Annual**  
**Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition**

The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)® has established the annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning women and the law. The rules for the competition are as follows.

**TOPIC**

Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Essays will be accepted from students enrolled at any law school during the 2009/2010 school year. The essays must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. Notwithstanding the foregoing, students may incorporate professorial feedback as part of a course requirement or supervised writing project.

**FORMAT**

Essays must be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, double-spaced in 12-point font, Times New Roman font type. All margins must be at least one inch. Entries must not exceed fifteen (15) pages of text, excluding notes, with footnotes placed as endnotes. Citation style should conform to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Bluebook – A Uniform System of Citation*. Essays longer than 15 pages of text, excluding notes, or which are not in the required format will not be read.

**JUDGING**

NAWL *Women Lawyers Journal*® designees will judge the competition. Essays will be judged based upon content, exhaustiveness of research, originality, writing style, and timeliness.

**QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this competition should be addressed to the chair of the Writing Competition, Professor Jennifer Martin at [jsmart@uoregon.edu](mailto:jsmart@uoregon.edu).

**SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE**

Entries must be received by **April 30, 2010**. Entries received after the deadline will be considered only at the discretion of NAWL. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to [jsmart@uoregon.edu](mailto:jsmart@uoregon.edu); and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by April 30, 2010, four paper copies of the essay to:

Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition  
National Association of Women Lawyers  
American Bar Center, MS 15.2  
321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654

**AWARD**

The author of the first-place essay will receive a cash prize of \$500. The winning essay will be published in the *NAWL Women Lawyers Journal* in Summer 2010.

*NAWL is the leading voluntary organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers and women's legal rights. Founded over 100 years ago, NAWL has members in all 50 states and engages in a variety of programs and activities to advance its mission. For more information regarding NAWL, please visit [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org).*

## 2010 NAWL Outstanding Law Student Award Selection Criteria

We invite you to select one student nominee, female or male, from your current graduating class who best exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Contributes to the advancement of women in society
- Promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession
- Exhibits motivation, tenacity and enthusiasm
- Demonstrates high academic achievement
- Earns your respect and that of your colleagues

The student you select will be recognized in the *Women Lawyers Journal*<sup>®</sup> as a recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Student Award and will receive a one-year complimentary membership in NAWL. Because we honor over one hundred law students annually, only **one student per law school** may be nominated. Multiple submissions will result in our arbitrary selection of one.

Your nomination should include a brief letter by you or your designee outlining why the student merits selection, and a copy of the student's resume, including the nominee's permanent mailing address for future membership mailings. **Nominations must be received no later than May 14, 2010. Nominations received after that date will not be entitled to the benefits associated with this award.**

Please return your 2010 Outstanding Law Student selection by mail, email or fax to:

**National Association of Women Lawyers**

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