



2011 Legal Writing Contest

Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility.** The International Association of Defense Counsel 2011 Legal Writing Contest is open to students who, at the time of submission of their entries, are enrolled as J.D. candidates in accredited law schools.
2. **Subject Matter.** Entries must be submitted in the English language on a subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation, such as relevant aspects of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, damages, alternative dispute resolution procedures, and professional ethics.
3. **Authorship and Publication.** Entries must be certified by the entrant on the IADC entry form to be the original and sole work of the entrant. At the time of submission, the entry must not have been published or accepted for publication, and the author must be free to execute the assignment of copyright to IADC referred to in Rule 7.
4. **Judging.** The contest will be judged by a committee of the IADC, whose decisions will be final. In addition to the monetary award winners, the judges may designate entries worthy of honorable mention.
5. **Judging Standards.** Articles will be judged on the following factors: (1) the choice of subject matter, as measured by its significance, international or national relevance, and timeliness; (2) the amount of work and effort, as measured by the entry's comprehensiveness and analysis; (3) the quality of the legal analysis, as measured by its objectivity and balance; and (4) the writing quality, as measured by clarity of expression, brevity, and literary construction. Entrants also should consider the points made in the contest guidelines.
6. **Monetary Awards.** Monetary awards will be made as follows: US\$2,000 to first place, US\$1,000 to second place, and US\$500 to third place. Honorary mentions receive no monetary awards.
7. **Plaques and Publication.** Authors of monetary award articles and of those awarded honorable mention will receive commemorative plaques, and their articles will be made available for publication in *Defense Counsel Journal*, IADC's quarterly law review. At the time of submission, entrants must execute the assignment of copyright in the entry certificate. IADC will copyright articles published in *Defense Counsel Journal*, but release the copyright assignment back to entrants whose works are not published. Acceptance for publication in any publication other than *Defense Counsel Journal* prior to notice to the author of an award in this contest will disqualify the entry. Entrants are expected to notify IADC promptly of such prior acceptance by another publication.
8. **Subscription.** A year's subscription to *Defense Counsel Journal* will be given to all contestants who meet the qualifications for entry in this contest.
9. **Deadline for 2011 Entries.** Entries must be received on or before Friday, May 20, 2011.
10. **Directions for Transmission.** Entries, together with the completed entry form, must be sent to the International Association of Defense Counsel, via electronic mail to Mary Dannevik at mdannevik@iadclaw.org.



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2011 Legal Writing Contest *Entry Certificate and Assignment of Copyright*

Name _____

Law School _____

Year in Law School _____

Forwarding Address (Valid Post-Graduation) _____

Telephone _____

Forwarding E-mail (Valid Post-Graduation) _____

I hereby submit my entry entitled _____

for the 2011 International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Legal Writing Contest.

I certify that my entry is my original work, of which I am the sole author; that my entry has not been previously published or accepted for publication; that I have not heretofore assigned or agreed to assign the copyright to my entry; that the entry does not violate or infringe upon any copyright or other proprietary right; and that I am free to execute the following assignment to IADC. I further certify that I have read the Legal Writing Contest rules and writing guidelines and agree to abide by and be bound by them and the decisions of the IADC Judges Committee.

I hereby assign to IADC the entire copyright and all rights protected thereunder in and to the enclosed article in the event that it is published in the IADC's publication, *Defense Counsel Journal*.

DATED: _____, _____

**ALL ENTRIES
MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY
MAY 20, 2011**

Signature of entrant

Printed name