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Present

Family Law Writing Competition

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Family Law Writing Competition

Hofstra Law School and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) are sponsoring the annual Family Law Writing Competition to celebrate the establishment of Hofstra's LL.M. program in Family Law. The competition is run in cooperation with the editorial staff of the *Family Court Review*, which is the academic and research journal of AFCC. *Family Court Review* is an interdisciplinary and international journal published quarterly by Blackwell Publishing and in cooperation with The Center for Children, Families and the Law at Hofstra Law School. *Family Court Review* contributes to and facilitates discourse among the judicial, legal, mediation, mental health and social services communities.

TOPICS FOR SUBMISSION

The subject of entries may be within any area of family law, although topics which focus on international or interdisciplinary subjects of family law are especially encouraged. Articles should concentrate on a current legal issue and must have a strong foundation in legal research. Use of interdisciplinary sources may also be appropriate for many topics.

Some potential topics include: International Adoption, Use of Mental Health Experts in Divorce, Domestic Violence in Same-Sex Partnerships, Third Party Visitation Rights, Mediating in Child Protective Cases, or create your own!

Entries will be judged on the quality of legal analysis, originality, depth of research, timeliness, creativity, and format. *Family Court Review's* Editors and a subcommittee of Editorial Board Members will evaluate all articles.

AUTHORSHIP

Submissions must be the work of one person. No joint authorships will be accepted, except articles written jointly by a law student and mental health, social science or other relevant graduate student. Submissions must be originally argued and researched legal papers. Hofstra Law School students are ineligible to participate. Law students can be from any country. Advice and input from professors, judges, and professionals in the field is allowed, but the author must research and write the entire article. Entries cannot be more than 25 double spaced pages in length. Articles must be in 12 point font with one inch margins. Authors from the United States must comply with Harvard's Blue Book, 18th Edition. Authors from outside the United States must conform to the relevant legal citation format commonly used in that country and must indicate the citation format used.

AWARD

First Prize

- \$500 cash prize courtesy of the Center for Children, Families and the Law at Hofstra Law School
 - Certificate of Recognition as First Place Winner
 - Consideration for publication of the article in the *Family Court Review*
 - Letter to the Dean of the student's law school
 - One-year complimentary AFCC student membership, including a one-year subscription to the *Family Court Review*
- or
- Complimentary conference registration to AFCC's 43rd Annual Conference held May 31-June 3, 2006 in Tampa Bay, Florida (does not include hotel, transportation, and food)

Honorable Mention (up to 2)

- \$250 cash prize courtesy of the Center for Children, Families and the Law at Hofstra Law School
- Certificate of Recognition as Honorable Mention Winner
- Consideration for publication of the article in the *Family Court Review*
- Letter to the Dean of the student's law school

SUBMISSION PROCESS

All submissions must be emailed as a Microsoft Word or PDF document to the *Family Court Review* at lawfcr@hofstra.edu. Hard copies are permissible, but email submissions are preferred. If sending hard copies, please mail 3 copies and a copy on CD or disc to:

Family Court Review
Attn: Writing Competition Manager
121 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549

DUE DATE

Submissions must be **received** by March 15, 2006. The winner will be notified no later than May 15, 2006.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact the Writing Competition Manager of *Family Court Review*, at lawfcr@hofstra.edu.

RELEVANT LINKS

Association for Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC): <http://www.afccnet.org/>
Hofstra Law School's Center for Children, Families and the Law: http://www.hofstra.edu/academics/law/law_center_family.cfm
Hofstra Law School's L.L.M. Program in Family Law: http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Law/law_llm_familylaw.cfm
Family Court Review: http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Law/law_fccr.cfm