

*International Association of Defense
Counsel presents the*

2017 LEGAL WRITING CONTEST

The International Association of Defense Counsel invites you to participate in its 2017 Legal Writing Contest. The IADC is a professional association that has been serving an invitation-only membership of international corporate and insurance civil defense lawyers since 1920.

Prize-winning articles and honorable mentions will be considered for publication in the *Defense Counsel Journal*, the IADC's quarterly academic publication that reaches a broad legal audience from around the world.

First Prize	U.S. \$2,000 and plaque
Second Prize	U.S. \$1,000 and plaque
Third Prize	U.S. \$500 and plaque
Honorable Mention	Plaque

All J.D. candidates enrolled in the 2016-2017 academic year at accredited law schools are eligible to submit articles.

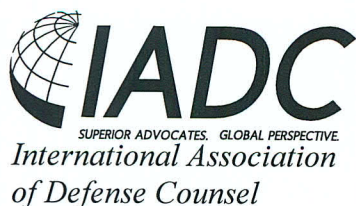
Deadline for articles is Friday, May 19, 2017. Copies of contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found on the IADC website at www.iadclaw.org.

"Be clear, so the audience will understand;
Be interesting, so the audience will listen;
Be persuasive, so the audience will agree."
- Marcus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 BC, De Optimo Genere Oratorium

2017 Legal Writing Contest

Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility.** The International Association of Defense Counsel 2017 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. **Deadline for 2017 Entries.** Entries must be received on or before Friday, May 19, 2017.
9. **Directions for Transmission.** Entries, together with the completed entry form, must be sent to the International Association of Defense Counsel, via electronic mail to Melisa Maisel Vanis at mmaisel@iadclaw.org.



PLEASE EMAIL, FAX OR MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR ENTRY TO:

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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 2017 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 19, 2017**

Signature of entrant

Printed name