



The Judge Advocate General's School 2019 National Security Law Writing Competition

National Security Law Implications of Mass Movement of Peoples

Deadline for Submissions: 30 April 2019

Overview: The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School (AFJAGS), in partnership with the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce its third annual writing competition for students, practitioners, academics, and policy makers to provide unique perspectives and insights on matters of national security law.

Topic: National Security Law Implications of Mass Movements of Peoples. This year's writing competition topic encourages scholarship on issues surrounding the mass movements of peoples, and the possible implications to international order and U.S. national security law. The 2018 National Defense Strategy recognizes the challenge of "increased global disorder, characterized by decline in the long-standing rules-based international order—creating a security environment more complex and volatile than any we have experienced in recent memory." An undeniable challenge to international order—and thus U.S. national security—arises from issues regarding movement of people, be it wartime or political refugees, immigration waves, or economic or other migration. Authors should prepare works contemplating the challenges presented by large-scale movements of people. While works may explore the impact of these conditions on international law generally, they should ultimately tie these challenges to U.S. national security law.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all U.S. and international law school students and graduates. Only original and previously unpublished papers are eligible. Papers prepared for law school credit are eligible provided they are original work. Jointly authored papers are not eligible. Entrants can have others review and critique their work, but the submission must be the entrant's own product. In such a case, the name of the reviewing professor or lawyer must be noted on the entry. Current members of the AFJAGS faculty shall not participate in the contest or review any entry on behalf of an entrant. Only one paper may be submitted per entrant.

Format: Entries may not exceed 35 pages, including title page, citations, and footnotes. Entries over 35 pages will be rejected. The text of the entry must be double-spaced, with 12-point Times New Roman font for body text, 10-point Times New Roman font for citation text, and 1-inch margins. Sources must be cited in footnotes according to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, conforming to the style found within the pages of *The Air Force Law Review*. Entrants are encouraged to review past issues of *The Air Force Law Review* at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/Library>.

Entry Procedure: Each submission must include a separate cover page with the entrant's name, mailing and e-mail addresses, and phone number. The entrant's name and other identifying markings must not appear on any other page of the submitted entry. Submissions must be sent via e-mail to afloa.afjags@us.af.mil as a Microsoft Word attachment.

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by 1630 Central Time on 30 April 2019. Winners will be selected and notified by 30 June 2019.

Judging: A distinguished panel of experts will select the winning entries from among those submitted. Judges will evaluate works submitted using standards of quality applicable to traditional academic writing, with emphasis on the following:

- Originality – Does the work break new ground and advance the body of scholarship on law and policy in the national security arena?
- Organization – Does the work clearly define a problem and present a solution within a logical, contextual framework?
- Persuasiveness – Does the work put forth a cohesive argument that is well-supported by reference to authoritative sources?
- Mechanics – Does the work meet high standards of quality in spelling, grammar, and citation format?

Prize: The author of the first-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 provided by the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc. The author of the second-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 provided by the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc. All works submitted will be considered for publication in *The Air Force Law Review*. Although AFJAGS reserves first publication rights for all works submitted in the competition, authors of works not selected for first or second-place prizes will receive notice no later than 31 July 2019 of AFJAGS' intent with respect to publication of their work. Authors whose works are not selected for publication at that time will be permitted to seek publication elsewhere. AFJAGS reserves the right to make no award in the event that the submitted articles do not meet minimum requirements and standards as determined by AFJAGS.

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