Overview: DAF/JA – The Judge Advocate General’s School, in partnership with the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce its sixth 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 and Long-Term Strategic Competition: This year’s writing competition topic encourages writing on issues surrounding the effect of national security law and long-term strategic competition. The current National Security Strategy focuses on the “reemergence of long-term, strategic competition” by “revisionist” powers in a “resilient, but weakening, post-WWII international order.” This competition takes place in an environment experiencing rapid technological changes across operating domains. This year’s writing competition asks writers to explore how the law impacts long-term strategic competition as set forth in the National Security Strategy and whether current operations and/or the law can change to more effectively achieve national security goals. We encourage papers on a wide variety of topics under this topic’s broad heading, as The Air Force Law Review and The Reporter will consider deserving papers for publication.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all U.S. and international law school students and graduates. Only original and previously unpublished papers are eligible. If the paper has been submitted for publication in another forum, this must be noted in the submission of the paper to The Judge Advocate General’s School. In addition, if, after submission, the paper is submitted or accepted for publication in another forum, The Judge Advocate General’s School must be notified. Papers prepared for law school or professional military education credit are eligible provided they represent original work. Jointly authored papers are not eligible. Entrants may have others review and critique their work, but the submission must be the entrant’s own product. The name of the reviewing professor or lawyer must be noted on the entry. Members of the faculty of The Judge Advocate General’s School shall not participate in the contest or review any entry on behalf of an entrant. Only one paper may be submitted per entrant. Failure to abide by these eligibility standards will result in the submission being rejected.

Format: Entries must be a minimum of 3,000 words and a maximum of 6,000 words. This does NOT include title page, citations, footnotes, and the separate cover page noted below. Entries under the word minimum or above the word maximum 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.
Entry Procedure: Each submission must include a separate cover page with the entrant’s name, rank (if military), 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 15 April 2021. Winners will be selected and notified by 1 August 2021.

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 $1,500, the author of the second-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of $1,000, and the author of the third-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of $500. The prize awards will be provided by the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc. All works submitted will be considered for publication in *The Air Force Law Review* and *The Reporter*. The Judge Advocate General’s School reserves first publication rights for all works submitted in the competition. Authors will receive notice no later than 1 August 2021 of The Judge Advocate General’s School’s intent with respect to publication of their work. Authors whose works are not selected for publication will be permitted to seek publication elsewhere. The Judge Advocate General’s School reserves the right to make no award in the event that the submitted articles do not meet minimum requirements and standards as determined by The Judge Advocate General’s School.

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