

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Career Service Office  
FROM: Cassandra Goings, Public Justice Foundation Outreach Coordinator  
DATE: October 2011  
RE: 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest

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**After 40 remarkable years, the Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest has changed to the Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest.** As a reminder, the contest was established in 1970 by the prominent environmental lawyer, the late Roscoe B. Hogan of Birmingham, Alabama, and served to provide law students the opportunity to investigate and offer solutions to the multitude of injustices inflicted on the environment. The Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest has a broader scale by focusing on whether and how the courts can be used to obtain justice, including for injuries to the environment.

The Public Justice Foundation is a non-profit membership organization of over 3,000 attorneys, law students and others supporting the national public interest law firm Public Justice, P.C. For more information about our organization, visit our web site [www.publicjustice.net](http://www.publicjustice.net).

Below is information about next year's contest and we hope that your institution will submit nominations for this award for which you are eligible. If you have any questions, contact me at 202-797-8600 or [cgoings@publicjustice.net](mailto:cgoings@publicjustice.net). Thank you!

The **HOGAN/SMOGER ACCESS TO JUSTICE ESSAY CONTEST** is a \$5,000 cash award given to the author of the winning essay. The 2012 topic is: ***Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights?*** Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may submit a legal essay for the competition. Essays can only be written during the academic year covered by the competition and may not be prepared as part of paid legal work outside of law school.

**INTENT-TO-ENTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2012**

**ESSAY SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2012**

The competition will be judged by a panel of nationally known trial lawyers and law professors.

**Enclosed are the rules and criteria and the intent-to-enter form for this competition. Additional information about this contest is posted on the Public Justice website [www.publicjustice.net](http://www.publicjustice.net).**

I look forward to seeing your students among the nominees.

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## 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest

### INTENT-TO-ENTER FORM

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student and law school)

plans to submit his/her essay for national judging in the 2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest sponsored by the Public Justice Foundation.

#### Faculty Sponsor Information (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT):

_____ Name of faculty sponsor	_____ Title
_____ Faculty sponsor signature	_____ Date
_____ Faculty sponsor's law school address	_____ City, State, Zip
_____ Area/Telephone	_____ Fax
_____ E-mail	

#### Student Information (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT):

_____ Student address	_____ City, State, Zip
_____ Area/Telephone	_____ E-mail

**INTENT-TO-ENTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 31, 2012**

**ESSAY SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 31, 2012**

#### **COMPLETE & RETURN TO:**

Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest  
Public Justice Foundation  
Attention: Cassandra Goings  
1825 K Street, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
Fax: 202-232-7203  
E-mail: [cgoings@publicjustice.net](mailto:cgoings@publicjustice.net)

If you have any questions, contact Cassandra Goings at 202-797-8600 or [cgoings@publicjustice.net](mailto:cgoings@publicjustice.net). Please indicate "Access to Justice Essay Contest" in the subject line if sending via e-mail.



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### Contest Rules and Criteria

### Are Factory Farms Hog-Tying People's Rights? Right to Farm and Ag-Gag Laws

**Prize: \$5,000 Cash Prize**

Free 2012 Public Justice Foundation Membership

Featured on the Public Justice website and in the nationally disseminated  
*Public Justice* newsletter

Paper published in the Vermont Law School on-line *Journal of Environmental Law*

#### Enrollment Information:

Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may enroll in the contest. Each entry must be submitted through a faculty adviser. All entrants **must fill out and submit the "intent-to-enter" form by January 31, 2012.** To download the intent-to-enter form, visit our website [www.publicjustice.net](http://www.publicjustice.net).

The intent-to-enter form must have the entrant's current contact information, in particular phone and e-mail address, as the communications between the Public Justice Foundation and the applicant will be conducted primarily by phone and e-mail.

Intent-to-enter forms can be submitted via mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest  
Public Justice Foundation

Attention: Cassandra Goings  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

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#### Rule 1 - DEADLINE

Essays must be received by the Public Justice Foundation for national judging **no later than March 31, 2012.**

#### Rule 2 - ELIGIBILITY OF ESSAY

If the essay is prepared for academic credit, it is eligible only if submitted for credit during the 2011-2012 academic year. If the essay was neither prepared nor submitted for academic credit, it is eligible only if prepared for this contest during the 2011-2012 academic year. If the essay was prepared as part of paid legal work outside of law school, it is not eligible for this contest.

#### Rule 3 - ABSTRACT

Students must also submit an abstract (limited to 100 words) describing the paper. Please include name, address, law school and phone number on the abstract. The author's name and law school must NOT appear anywhere in the essay other than on the cover page and abstract.

#### Rule 4 - SUBMISSION

Applicants **MUST** submit **BOTH HARD COPY AND ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ESSAY AND THE ABSTRACT.** A hard copy (typed) and a computer disc containing the essay and the abstract in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format should be mailed to the Public Justice Foundation at the aforementioned address. The pages of the hard copy must be firmly fastened together with a cover page which must contain the following information:

- Title of Essay (The title of the essay must appear at the top of the first page of the essay)
- Author's Name
- Author's year in law school and expected graduation date
- Law school name and address
- Date submitted for academic credit, if so submitted
- Author's permanent and school addresses and phone numbers (**IMPORTANT:** indicate effective dates for all addresses)
- Sponsoring faculty member name and phone number

#### Rule 5 - LENGTH

Essays must not exceed 50 pages of 8½ by 11-inch paper, double-spaced, excluding footnotes.

#### Rule 6 - AUTHORSHIP

Essays must have only one author. Joint essays will not be accepted.

### Rule 7 - PUBLICATION RIGHTS

Essays will not be returned to the authors, and the judges' comments and evaluations will not be provided to the applicants. The Public Justice Foundation reserves the non-exclusive right to publish in hard-copy all or part of the essay or abstract at its discretion.

### Rule 8 - COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC JUSTICE FOUNDATION AND THE APPLICANTS

Any questions, clarifications, or requests from the applicant should be communicated to Cassandra Goings at 202-797-8600 or [cgoings@publicjustice.net](mailto:cgoings@publicjustice.net). Please indicate "Access to Justice Essay Contest" in the Subject line if sending via e-mail.