**7th Annual Law Student Victims’ Rights Writing Competition**

*Students are invited to submit a completed paper (or abstract) addressing victims’ rights.*

**RECOGNITION**

* Up to 3 papers from across the country will be selected.
* The top paper will receive a $200 prize; second and third place papers will receive $100 prize.
* Authors of selected papers will be invited to attend and may be invited to present at the Crime Victim Law Conference in Portland, Oregon May 11-12, 2017.
* Conference tuition will be covered for those selected.
* Selected papers may also be included in one of NCVLI’s nationally distributed publications.

**DEADLINE**

Monday, May 1, 2017 5:00 p.m. (pacific) in electronic format to ncvliconference@lclark.edu

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The 2017 Crime Victim Law Conference in Portland, Oregon will be the 16th such conference. It is ***the only*** national conference focusing on victim law. The Conference brings together the leading academics and practitioners in the field of victim law. For more information visit: [www.ncvli.org](http://www.ncvli.org).

**GUIDELINES**

* Submissions must be original papers that analyze the legal rights of crime victims.
* Preference given to papers focusing on rights enforcement in the context of criminal justice systems because this is an area of victim law that receives the least attention.
* Possible topics:
	+ Recent Supreme Court decisions
	+ Unique hurdles to victims’ rights for particular populations, e.g.: victims of sexual assault, stalking, dating or domestic violence; child-victims; immigrant victims; trafficking victims
	+ Post-victimization trauma and tools for appropriate legal advocacy
	+ Victim privacy and confidentiality
	+ Fraud and identity theft
	+ Intersection of environmental law and victims’ rights
	+ Intersection of disability law and victims’ rights
	+ Intersection of Title IX and victims’ rights
	+ Accommodations for victims to facilitate participation (e.g., support persons, alternative means of testifying, courtroom design).
	+ Restitution
	+ The intersection of privacy and media access
* Submissions should be no longer than 3500 words (including footnotes), double-spaced with one-inch margins, and the font must be Times New Roman, Submission may be an excerpt of a larger paper.
* Submissions may not have been previously published or accepted for publication unless accompanied by written authorization for re-print.
* Authors/presenters must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school at the date of their submission or have graduated from such a school within the last 18 months.
* The transmittal email must include the following:
	+ Author Name.
	+ Law School.
	+ Date of (Anticipated) Graduation from Law School.
	+ Mailing Address.
	+ Email Address.
	+ Phone Number.
	+ Title of abstract/article.
	+ Author Biography: (150 word maximum). If selected, this bio may be used in Conference materials. If used, NCVLI may make non-substantive edits to the bio for formatting and marketing purposes without prior consent.
* Submissions must be emailed to ncvliconference@lclark.edu by May 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PT.
* Costs associated with traveling to and from the Conference will not be covered.

**Questions about the application process should be directed to NCVLI at**

**ncvliconference@lclark.edu** **or 503-768-6819.**

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