2018 Law Student Writing Competition

Food and Social Innovation

A host of law and policy issues affect food enterprises that are interested in promoting social welfare through their products by focusing on health, sustainability, or improving access to wholesome foods. These issues may include regulatory hurdles for new ingredients or products, labeling, and the representation of these concepts to consumers.

The competition is sponsored by the Resnick Program Food Law and Policy at UCLA School of Law and is co-sponsored and funded by the University of California Global Food Initiative. The competition aims to promote and reward scholarship on these kinds of legal and policy issues that may hinder or delay social innovation in the food industry.

A panel of judges, which may include legal academics and food industry innovators, will judge the papers.

Eligibility

Students currently enrolled in a JD Program at any of the nation’s ABA-accredited law schools or a 2017 academic year graduate are eligible to participate.

Deadline

June 14, 2018

Award

$1500 for first place, $500 for second place

First and second place articles will be published on the Resnick Program website.

Requirements

• Papers must be no shorter than 20 pages (double spaced, one-inch margins), and no longer than 50 pages (double spaced, one-inch margins).
• Papers must be unpublished.
• Papers should provide a thorough analysis of a current legal, regulatory, or policy issue that affects social innovators in the food industry.
• Papers must adhere to the plagiarism policy of the UCLA Law Review.
• Citations should conform to the current edition of the Uniform System of Citation (Bluebook).

Submission

• Papers should be submitted by email to Juliet Szegedi, szegedi@law.ucla.edu.
• The body of the email should include the author’s name, school affiliation, and paper title.
• No author identifying information may be included in the body of the text. The author’s name should only be shared in the body of the submission email.

Judging Considerations

• Originality and difficulty of topic
• Quality of thesis/argument
• Thoroughness and depth of legal analysis
• Quality of legal research
• Writing style, including organization, coherence, and mechanics
• Form and quality of citations

Questions can be addressed to Diana Winters, winters@law.ucla.edu