



**National Association of Women Lawyers®**  
**First Annual**  
**Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition**

The National Association of Women Lawyers® (NAWL®) has established the annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning women and the law. The rules for the competition are as follows.

**TOPIC**

Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Essays will be accepted from law students enrolled at any time during the 2005/2006 school year. The essays must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere.

**FORMAT**

Essays must be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, double-spaced in 12-point font. All margins must be at least one inch. Entries must not exceed fifteen (15) pages of text, with footnotes placed as endnotes. Citation style should conform to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Bluebook – A Uniform System of Citation*. Essays longer than 15 pages of text or which are not in the required format will not be read.

**JUDGING**

NAWL *Women Lawyers Journal*® designees will judge the competition. Essays will be judged based upon content, exhaustiveness of research, originality, writing style, and timeliness.

**QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this competition should be addressed to one of the chairs of the Writing Competition, Kathleen Harleston at [kathleen@harlestonlawfirm.com](mailto:kathleen@harlestonlawfirm.com) or Kristie Prinz at [kprinz@prinzlawoffice.com](mailto:kprinz@prinzlawoffice.com).

**SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE**

**Entries must be received by March 1, 2006.** Entries received after the deadline will be considered only at the discretion of NAWL. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to [ParkM@nawl.org](mailto:ParkM@nawl.org); and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by March 1, four paper copies of the essay to:

Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition  
National Association of Women Lawyers  
American Bar Center, MS 15.2  
321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60610

**AWARD**

The author of the first-place essay will receive a cash prize of \$500 and travel expenses to a NAWL meeting where the winner will be recognized. The winning essay will be published in the *NAWL Women Lawyers Journal* in Spring 2006.

*The National Association of Women Lawyers is a national voluntary legal professional organization whose mission is the advancement of women in the legal profession and women's rights. Since 1899, NAWL has served as an educational forum and active voice for the concerns of women lawyers in this country and abroad.*