

# The Food and Drug Law Institute 2009 Writing Competitions



## H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions for Law Students

### The Competitions

The Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI) sponsors the Writing Competitions to encourage law students interested in the areas of law that affect foods, drugs, devices, cosmetics, and biologics. Winning papers will be considered for publication in the *Food and Drug Law Journal*. There are two competitions – one for papers with a maximum of 40 pages, and one for papers between 41 and 100 pages. Papers longer than 100 pages will not be accepted.

### Prizes

(Two prizes will be awarded for each of the two competitions).\*

1st Place **\$4,000**    2nd Place **\$1,000**

### Who Is Eligible?

Entrants must be currently enrolled in a J.D. program at any of the nation's law schools or a 2008-2009 academic year graduate.

### Paper Requirements

Submissions shall be **typewritten, double-spaced on 8½ x 11 inch paper**. FDLI encourages submissions electronically as e-mail attachments; these should be **WORD® documents**, printouts of which should conform to all other paper requirements. Papers for the shorterpaper competition shall not exceed 40 pages in length, including appendices (if any) and footnotes, which may be single-spaced. Submissions of papers greater than 40 pages automatically will be entered in the competition for longer papers; the maximum number of pages for the longer-paper competition is 100 pages. Papers shall include **footnotes, not endnotes**. Text and footnote type shall be in **12-pt. Times Roman font**. Papers shall have **at least one-inch margins (top, bottom, sides)**.

**Noncompliance with these requirements will affect evaluation and may result in disqualification.** Please include the following information on the cover sheet of the paper:

- Entrant's full name, addresses (mail and e-mail) and telephone number(s)
- Name of law school and year of study
- Date of submission of paper
- Please do not include personal identifiers in the paper itself.

**Papers must be received at FDLI no later than June 12, 2009.**

### Topics

Papers should provide an in-depth analysis of a current legal issue relevant to the regulation of foods, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, or biologics. FDLI welcomes the submission of papers prepared for course work, but entrants must pay attention to competition details and edit such papers accordingly. Entrants

should access [www.fdpi.org/edu/hthomas.html](http://www.fdpi.org/edu/hthomas.html) for suggestions of suitable topics or further information.

### Judges

Separate committees of practicing attorneys and law professors with relevant food and drug expertise will judge the papers in each competition. The following factors will be considered:

- Thoroughness and depth of legal analysis
- Originality and difficulty of topic
- Evaluation of judicial precedents, statutes, and regulations
- Discussion of conclusions and future impact
- Quality of legal research
- Writing style
- Conciseness; quality will be valued over quantity
- Form and quality of citations
- Conformity with rules of competition

### About FDLI

The Food and Drug Law Institute is committed to providing high quality education and a neutral forum for the generation of ideas and discussion of law and public policy for its legal, policy and regulatory communities. In addition to this writing competition, FDLI publishes a bimonthly magazine, a quarterly law journal, and books relevant to regulation, policy, and legislation in this area; and sponsors conferences and workshops on current topics important to the food and drug field.

### About H. Thomas Austern

These writing awards honor the memory of H. Thomas Austern, who practiced food and drug law for over fifty years at the firm of Covington & Burling. As a result of his work on the drafting and negotiation surrounding the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and his many scholarly contributions, Austern became known as the "Dean of the Food and Drug Bar." Austern served on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Food Drug Cosmetic Law Journal from its inception until his death in 1984, and was a strong supporter of FDLI since its founding in 1949.

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\* FDLI reserves the right not to grant any of the four H. Thomas Austern Writing Competition awards.