



2012 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest

Contest Rules and Criteria

THE HOGAN/SMOGER ACCESS TO JUSTICE ESSAY CONTEST (formerly The Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest) was established in 1970 by the prominent environmental lawyer, the late Roscoe B. Hogan of Birmingham, Alabama, and serves to provide law students the opportunity to investigate and offer solutions to the multitude of injustices inflicted on the environment. Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may submit a legal essay for the competition.

The 2011 award was presented to William Gignilliat, Georgia School of Law for his essay titled "*The Gulf Oil Spill: OPA, State Law, and Maritime.*"

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

- **Are They Constitutional?**
- **Do They Go Too Far?**

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

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, please [click here](#).

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
1825 K Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20006
Fax: 202-232-7203
E-mail: cgoings@publicjustice.net

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 (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 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. Please indicate "Access to Justice Essay Contest" in the Subject line if sending via e-mail.

Previous Essay Contest Winners

2010 - Myths of Coal's Clean Future: The Story of Methylmercury

Jonathan Skinner, Duke University School of Law

2009 - Don't Mess with Houston, Texas: The Clean Air Act and State/Local Preemption

Ryan Hackney, University of Texas School of Law

2008 - Flipping Daubert: Putting Climate Change Defendants in the Hot Seat

Ryan Hackney, University of Texas School of Law

2007 - Fifth Amendment Takings & Transitions in Water Law: Compensation (Just) for the Environment

Ling-Yee Huang, University of Florida College of Law

2006 - Striking at the Heart of Corporate Polluters: Resurrecting Quo Warranto

Proceedings to Revoke Corporate Charters

Mark Willis, Chicago-Kent College of Law

2005 - Speak Softly, but How Big a Stick? The Availability of Punitive Damages to Protect the Environment

Candace Howard, Maryland University School of Law

2004 - Versatile By Nature: Exploring the Law of the American Wilderness

Sarah Brull, University of Maryland

2003 - Graceful Maneuvering: Corporate Avoidance of Liability Through Bankruptcy and Corporate Law

John Heenan, Montana School of Law

2002 - Exporting our Dirt: Suing Corporations in U.S. Courts for Environmental Wrongs Committed Abroad

Natalie Bridgeman, UCLA School of Law

2001 - An Ounce of Preemption is Worth a Pound of Cure: State Preemption of Local Siting Authority as Means for Achieving Environmental Equity

Tessa Meyer Santiago, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

2000 - Causation Standards for Toxic Torts

Alex P. Mayer, Santa Clara University School of Law

1999 - What is an Environmental Expert?

Carl H. Johnson, University of Minnesota School of Law