The American College of Legal Medicine’s 2023 Hirsh Student Writing Competition in Law, Medicine & Bioethics

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) will present an award for an outstanding original student paper on legal medicine during its 2023 Annual Conference on February 24-26, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Florida. All students studying medicine, dentistry, law, podiatry, nursing, pharmacy, healthcare administration, public health, or other healthcare fields are encouraged to compete.

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

The first place paper will be named the Hirsh Award Winner and will receive a $1,000 prize. The Hirsh Award winner will be asked to present the winning paper on-stage during the annual conference, no longer than 10 minutes. The second-place winner will receive $500 and the third-place winner will receive $250. All three winners will be invited to serve on the 2024 Student Awards Committee and receive a complimentary one-year membership in the American College of Legal Medicine.

Note: All papers submitted shall become the property of the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) until they have been released back to the author. Papers will be considered for publication in any ACLM publication. The release of papers will be completed by email from the ACLM to the author, by March 30, 2023.

Legal Medicine

Legal medicine is the professional and academic discipline that concerns itself with legal aspects of medical science, medical practice, and other healthcare delivery. Practitioners of the specialty have sufficient training, knowledge, and expertise to address the scope of the specialty from a scholarly, scientific, and practical perspective. As the subject matter of legal medicine is broad, we are looking for quality papers that cover any aspect of legal medicine.

Participant Criteria

1. All authors must have previously achieved a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited institution.
2. Papers must not exceed 5000 total words and must not exceed 15 pages.
3. Papers may deal with any aspect of legal medicine, including medical licensure and regulation of the profession; business aspects of medical practice; liability of physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations; ethics; bio-pharmaceutical/medical device industry; public health law; physician-patient relationship; care of special patients; food and drug law; medical research; forensic science; and the history of legal medicine.
4. Although papers may have been submitted for a grade at the author’s school, the author may not have submitted the paper elsewhere for publication.
5. It is assumed that the author has no financial interest (direct or indirect) with the material presented. If the author does have a conflict this should be disclosed on the last page of the document.

Judging

1. All papers will be judged by the Student Awards Committee of the American College of Legal Medicine in a blinded review process.
2. All prizes may not be awarded each year if the ACLM and/or the Student Awards Committee determines that no entry meets the standards of a winning paper.
3. The decision of the judges is final.

Papers will be judged in the following areas:

1. Appropriateness of subject matter for the contest.
2. Originality and thoughtfulness.
3. Quality of and depth of analysis.
4. Quality of writing.
5. Citation of authority/support for arguments.

Submission and Deadline

1. The papers must be submitted only via email to info@aclm.org. Papers transmitted or sent in any other form will not be considered for the writing competition.
2. Authors must submit their papers by the end of the business day, January 13, 2023. Under no circumstances will any paper be considered unless it is submitted by the deadline and in the required format.
3. Direct questions to: Student Writing Competition info@aclm.org

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The American College of Legal Medicine’s
2023 Basanta Award
Poster/Abstract Competition

The 2023 American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) Annual Conference will be held on February 24-26, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Florida. ACLM is inviting college students, post-graduate students, young leaders (within the first 10 years of practice), current members, and Fellows to present their research posters/abstracts during our annual conference.

CALL FOR POSTERS / ABSTRACTS

This Call for Posters/Abstracts is not just for college students, postgraduate students, and young leaders. Healthcare professionals, attorneys, and other professionals, including ACLM members and Fellows are also encouraged to submit posters/abstracts to join the poster competition. Posters will be displayed and presented during our annual conference at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The poster/abstract must be:
1. Authored by a Student, Young Leader, or Member/Fellow, alone or with others, and
2. Presented at the annual meeting in Orlando Florida in February 2023.

Basanta Poster/Abstract Award Winners
ACLM is offering a $500 prize for the best poster/abstract in each of these three categories - Student, Young Leader, Member/Fellow. Winners will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the American College of Legal Medicine. Winners will be asked to present their poster/abstract on stage at the conference, no longer than 10 minutes.

Publication
Posters/abstracts accepted may be published in a supplemental edition of the Journal of Legal Medicine or other medical-legal publications.

Special Instructions
1. Submit your poster/abstract by January 13, 2023 to: info@aclm.org
2. Posters/Abstracts must be in Word, in standard letter size, 8 1/2” x 11”; margins must be one inch all sides using Arial font 12 point.
3. Each author’s name should be followed by degrees, position, institution, city and state, and e-mail, if you wish those included. If multiple authors are from the same institution, those names should follow one another with the other information following the last-named author. Second and additional lines here should be indented five spaces. If the authors are from different institutions, please list each and his or her identifying information separately with one space between each.
4. The title, in bold, should be centered on the fourth line down (leave three lines blank) from the information about the author or authors. This should be followed by two blank lines.
5. The body of your poster/abstract should be no more than two pages long, spaced as you see fit – single, 1.5, or double, and with justified margins, i.e. straight margins. Please begin major headings on the left margin and underline them; minor headings should begin 1/2” in from the left margin and be underlined also.
6. No more than five posters will be accepted from a single, first author.
7. You are responsible for receiving permission to republish any copyrighted material, such as a chart or figure.

Judging
1. Posters will be judged based on originality, relevance, thoughtfulness of analysis, and quality of writing.
2. Posters that appear to be advertisements for a business or service or which endorse or promote a product will not be accepted.

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Direct questions to:
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The American College of Legal Medicine’s
2023 Loletta M. Orr
Postdoctoral Student Writing Competition

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) will present an award for an outstanding original postdoctoral paper on legal medicine during its 2023 Annual Conference on February 24-26, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Florida. All post-doctoral health professionals or attorneys enrolled in full-time studies are encouraged to compete.

CALL FOR POST DOC STUDENT PAPERS

The first-place paper will be named the Orr Award Winner. The winner of the Orr Award will receive a $1,000 prize and present the writing on-stage during the annual conference, no longer than 10 minutes. A second-place winner will receive $500. Both winners will be invited to serve on the 2024 Student Awards Committee and receive a complimentary one-year membership in the American College of Medicine.

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2. No paper that has been previously published in any form will be considered; however, papers written for scholarly classes will be allowed if they have not been published.
3. All papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the Journal of Legal Medicine or other medical-legal publications.

Format

1. The format rules below must be followed exactly. Papers that do not follow these rules will not be graded.
2. The paper’s length must not exceed 5000 total words and must not exceed 15 pages. The word count is applicable to the total paper; the words on the title page, footnotes, figures, and tables are to be included.
3. All papers are to be submitted in Word document format, to the email info@aclm.org in Word document format, using 12 point Times New Roman font for all text. Papers must be typed double-spaced, with one-inch margins and all pages are to be numbered. All citations should be footers, which should be in 10 point Times New Roman font, single-spaced, and with one-inch margins.
4. The first page must be the cover page, which must include the following information: the author’s name and contact information (including a telephone number, email address and the name of the author’s school); the title “2023 Postdoctoral Student Writing Competition”; and the final word count obtained from Word.
5. At the top of page #2 the author must place the title of the paper all in capitals. After the title, two lines must be skipped, and the text of the paper should begin.
6. If tables or figures are included, they are to be placed after the text according to the following rules: On the first page after the end of the text, a list of all tables and figures will be provided. Each table and figure will then be placed on a separate page.
7. If an author wishes to acknowledge an individual or institution this can only be done on the cover page.

Content

1. Papers must contain only uncollaborated original work.
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