



# The American College of Legal Medicine

## Basanta Poster Competition in Legal Medicine

Present your research poster/abstract during our annual conference

### CALL FOR POSTERS / ABSTRACTS

The **American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** will present the Basanta Award for the best original abstract or poster at its 2024 Annual Conference scheduled to take place at the **San Diego Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel on March 1-3, 2024.**

All submitted posters will be displayed and presented during the conference.

College students, post-graduate students, young leaders (within the first 10 years of practice), current members, and Fellows are invited to present their research poster/abstract during our conference. A limited student travel fund is available for selected students in need who submit posters and travel to the conference site. For more information and to apply for ACLM's student travel fund, please email [ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com](mailto:ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com).

#### Basanta Poster/Abstract Award Winners

- ❖ The winner of the abstract/poster competition will be awarded the Basanta Prize and \$500.00 in each of the three categories – student, young professional, member/Fellow.
- ❖ Each winner will be given an opportunity to present their abstract/poster on stage at the conference (no longer than 10 minutes, please).
- ❖ Winners will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the American College of Legal Medicine.
- ❖ All abstracts/posters will be evaluated for publication in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.

#### Participation Criteria

- ❖ Posters and abstracts must be authored by a student, by a professional within the first 10 years of practice, or by a member/fellow of the ACLM, either alone or in collaboration with others.
- ❖ Posters and abstracts must be presented at the annual meeting in San Diego (students with demonstrated financial need may apply for a travel grant from the ACLM).
- ❖ No more than five posters will be accepted from a single, first author.

#### Format Instructions

1. All posters must be in PowerPoint with a 9" x 16" format and the information must fit on a single slide.
2. All abstracts must be in Word with standard letter size of 8 ½" x 11" with one-inch margins on all sides, in 12-point Arial font, and should not be more than two pages in length.
3. All posters and abstracts must list each author's name followed by their degrees, position, institution, city and state, and email address. If multiple authors are from the same institution,

their names, degrees, positions, and email addresses should be listed followed by the institution, city and state.

4. The title should be centered and boldfaced.
5. The authors are responsible for receiving permission to republish any copyright material such as a chart or figure.

### **Deadline for Submission**

- ❖ **Monday January 15, 2024 11:59 PM** is the deadline for submission of posters and abstracts.
- ❖ Posters and abstracts must be sent by email to [ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com](mailto:ACLM2024Posters@gmail.com)
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### **Judging**

- ❖ All posters and abstracts will be judged by the Awards Committee based on originality, relevance, thoughtfulness of analysis, and quality of writing. The Committee's decisions are final and may not be appealed. Further, the Committee reserves the right not to award prizes if the entries do not meet the standards set by the Awards Committee.
- ❖ Posters that appear to be advertisements for a business or service or that endorses or promotes a product will not be accepted.

### **Legal Medicine**

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**American College of Legal Medicine**  
**Hirsh Student Writing Competition in Legal Medicine**  
**CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS**

The **American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** will present the Hirsh Award for the best original student paper on Legal Medicine at its 2024 Annual Conference scheduled to take place at the **San Diego Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel on March 1-3, 2024**.

All students are encouraged to compete, particularly those studying medicine, law, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, podiatry, healthcare administration, public health, or other healthcare fields.

The writer of the winning paper will be presented the **Hirsh Award** and will receive **\$1,000.00, round trip economy airfare to San Diego, 1-night hotel accommodations during the conference, and conference registration** to attend the ACLM 2024 Annual Conference where they will have an opportunity to present their paper, receive their award, and meet with experts in the field of legal medicine. The winning paper will be published in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*, and all other papers entered for the Hirsh Award will receive consideration for publication in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.

The second-place winner will receive **\$500.00**.

The third-place winner will receive **\$250.00**.

The top three winners will receive **complimentary one-year membership** in the American College of Legal Medicine and will be invited to serve on the 2025 Student Awards Committee.

### **Participation Criteria**

- ❖ Contestants must have received a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited institution and must be currently enrolled in an accredited medical, law, dental, nursing, podiatric, or other health-related program in the United States or Canada

### **Content of Papers**

- ❖ May deal with any aspect of legal medicine, including medical licensure; regulation of the profession; business aspects of medical practice; liability of physicians, hospitals, & managed care organizations; ethics; bio-pharmaceutical/medical devices; public health law; physician-patient relationships; care of special patients; food and drug law; medical research; forensic science; or the history of legal medicine
- ❖ Must contain the entirely original work of the individual contestant.
- ❖ Can have been submitted for academic credit but cannot have been submitted for publication.
- ❖ May relate to other work done by the author.

### **Format**

- ❖ The paper's length cannot exceed 5000 total words and/or exceed 15 pages. The word count is applicable to the total paper; so the words on the title page, footnotes, figures, and tables are included.
- ❖ The first page is the cover page with the author's name and contact information and a telephone number, email address and the name of the author's school. It also should have the title "2024 Postdoctoral Student Writing Competition", and the final word count.

- ❖ At the top of page # 2 and onwards the author must place the title of the paper in all capitals.
- ❖ If an author wishes to acknowledge an individual or institution this can be done on the cover page.
- ❖ The author may not have a financial interest directly or indirectly in the material presented and must disclose any other financial conflicts on the last page of the document.
- ❖ All papers must be submitted in MS Word document format using 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, and with one-inch margins. All citations must be footers in 10-point Times New Roman font, single-spaced, and with one-inch margins. All pages must be numbered.

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### **Judging Papers**

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- ❖ The papers will be judged in the following areas:
  - Appropriateness of subject matter
  - Originality and thoughtfulness
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**American College of Legal Medicine**  
**Orr Writing Competition in Legal Medicine**

## **CALL FOR POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT PAPERS**

The **American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** will present the Loletta M. Orr Award for the best original post-doctoral paper on Legal Medicine at its 2024 Annual Conference scheduled to take place at the **San Diego Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel on March 1-3, 2024.**

All post-doctoral health professionals and legal professionals enrolled in full-time studies are encouraged to compete.

The writer of the winning 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, please). **Round trip economy airfare, one-night hotel during the conference, and conference registration** are provided. The winning paper will be published in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*, and all other papers entered for the Orr Award will receive consideration for publication in *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.

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- ❖ All authors must have previously achieved a doctoral degree (MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DPM, DVM, JD, PhD, PharmD, etc.) or the equivalent from an accredited institution and must be currently enrolled in an accredited law, medical, podiatric, nursing, dental, health science or other advanced healthcare training program in the United States or Canada.

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