

Deadline  
for entries is  
June 5, 2015

# The Food and Drug Law Institute 2015 Writing Competitions

H. Thomas Austern Memorial  
Writing Competitions for Law Students



## The Competitions

The Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI) sponsors the **H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions** to encourage law students interested in the areas of law that affect food, drugs, animal drugs, biologics, cosmetics, diagnostics, dietary supplements, medical devices, and tobacco. 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.

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

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

## Who Is Eligible

Entrants must be currently enrolled in a JD program at any of the nation's "ABA-accredited" law schools or a 2014–2015 academic year graduate.

## Topics

Papers should provide an in-depth analysis of a current legal issue. FDLI welcomes the submission of papers prepared for course work, but entrants must pay attention to competition details and edit such papers accordingly.

## Judges

Separate committees of practicing attorneys and law professors with relevant food and drug law expertise will judge the papers in each competition.

## About FDLI

The Food and Drug Law Institute, founded in 1949, is a non-profit organization that provides a marketplace for discussing food and drug law issues through conferences, publications, and member interaction. The scope of FDLI includes food, drugs, animal drugs, biologics, cosmetics, diagnostics, dietary supplements, medical devices, and tobacco.

**To submit your paper, please  
login to our online portal.**

## Paper Requirements

- Short Paper Competition: Papers shall not exceed 40 pages in length, including appendices (if any) and footnotes, which may be single-spaced.
- Long Paper Competition: Papers shall not exceed 100 pages, but should be between 41 and 100 pages including appendices (if any) and footnotes, which may be single-spaced.
- All Submissions must include a cover page that includes a paper title and an abstract (250 words or less).
- Papers must be submitted through the competition's online portal.
- The paper may not include any identifying information within the body of the text. The author's identifying information should only be shared when registering for submission within the competition portal.
- Submissions shall be typewritten, double-spaced
- Papers shall include footnotes, not endnotes. Text and footnote type shall be in 12-pt. Times Roman font.
- Papers shall have one-inch margins (right, left, top, and bottom).

## About H. Thomas Austern

These writing awards honor the memory of H. Thomas Austern, who practiced food and drug law for more than 50 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.

**PAPERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 5, 2015.**