

Louis T. Pirkey Prize in Intellectual Property Law

A University of Texas at Austin School of Law Student Writing Prize

Request for Submissions and Description of the Prize

Submissions are sought for the Louis T. Pirkey Prize in Intellectual Property Law. This prize is awarded annually for a paper on intellectual property law written by a student at the University of Texas School of Law. The Austin Intellectual Property Law Association (Austin IPLA) has endowed the prize in honor of Louis T. Pirkey, a longtime adjunct professor at the School of Law who has also served as president of both the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Austin IPLA. Faculty members of the School of Law will review submissions to determine the winner, who will receive a cash award and may be recognized at a dinner hosted by the Austin IPLA. The award for this year's winning submission will be \$2,000.

Submission Process and Deadline of May 29, 2026

Submissions should be emailed to Professor John Golden at jgolden@law.utexas.edu **by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on May 29, 2026.**

Eligibility Requirements

All individuals who are or were students of the School of Law during the current academic year are welcome to submit papers for the Pirkey Prize. To be considered for the prize, a paper must have a substantial focus on one or more issues of intellectual property law. The paper should reflect work done during the current academic year and may not have been published before the submission deadline. The paper must be the individual work of its student author, but it may reflect ordinary levels of external aid provided through library assistance, law-journal review, faculty supervision or comments, or the like.

Format for Submissions

Consistent with instructions in the terms of the Pirkey Prize gift, a submitted paper should be typewritten and have margins of at least 1" on all sides of each page. A submitted paper should also have a cover page that features the paper's title and author information, including the author's name, academic program at the School of Law (e.g., J.D. or LL.M.), expected graduation date, home address, telephone number, and email address.