2021 Louis T. Pirkey Prize in Intellectual Property Law

A University of Texas 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 will be recognized at a dinner hosted by the Austin IPLA during the next academic year. The award for the winner of this year’s competition will be $1,000.


Submissions should be emailed to Professor John Golden at jgolden@law.utexas.edu before midnight Central Time on May 28, 2021.

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, may not have been published before the submission deadline, and may not be scheduled for publication before September 1 of the year of 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

A submitted paper should be typewritten and have margins of at least 1” on all sides of each page.

A submitted paper should 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.