Notre Dame Law School sponsors an annual writing competition on the topic of legal ethics. All students with an interest in legal ethics are invited and encouraged to participate.

• The competition is open to all law students at U.S. and Canadian law schools.
• Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics.
• Entries must be original, unpublished work.
• Entries must be a minimum of 5,000 words and a maximum of 15,000 words, inclusive of footnotes.
• Coauthored essays may be submitted.
• Submissions will be judged by Notre Dame Law School faculty.
• A prize of $2,500 will be awarded for one winning entry.
• All entries must be received before 5 p.m., April 15, 2024.
• Include cover letter with contact information and name of current law school.

All entries should be submitted to:

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