State Bar of Texas’ Women and the Law Section
Texas Law Student Writing Competition

The State Bar of Texas’ Women and the Law Section (the “Section”) invites students currently attending a law school in Texas to participate in its Texas Law Student Writing Competition (the “Competition”). The student who wins the Competition, as determined by the Section, in its sole discretion, will receive a $500 award to help pay for such student’s law-school educational expenses. The Section will, in its sole discretion, publish such student’s essay in its newsletter.

Students wishing to be considered for the Award should submit an essay of no more than 2500 words on the below-referenced topic by no later than February 28, 2019 to Section Chair Deborah Cordova via email to sbotwomenandthelaw@gmail.com Subject: WAL Student Writing Competition and Attn: Women and the Law Section Chair.

The topic of the essay is to identify and analyze a legal challenge for women in Texas and/or in the United States, based on recent news reports. Imagine that you have been invited to publish an op-ed in a newspaper read by the general public.

- What is the challenge? How are women harmed?
- What is the relevant law(s)?
- How should the challenge be addressed?

The Section has designed this Competition with the following goals: (1) to help participating Texas law-school students prepare to tackle legal and societal challenges after graduation; (2) to increase awareness of and involvement with the Section; and (3) to further the Section’s mission. The Section’s mission is to encourage and facilitate the active and effective participation of women in the legal profession and in the community, and to address women’s current needs and the issues affecting them.

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