

About the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Willis R. Tribler Law Student Writing Competition. IICLE[®] is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the professional development of Illinois attorneys. We accomplish our mission through the publication of comprehensive practice handbooks; the presentation of continuing legal education programs; and the continued development and maintenance of additional legal resources designed to enhance Illinois law practice. Since 1961, hundreds of volunteer attorneys have contributed their time and talent to developing IICLE[®] resources annually. The publishing division of IICLE[®] maintains a library of over 140 handbooks covering numerous practice areas and circulates a complimentary monthly e-newsletter filled with articles about the most recent developments in Illinois law. These resources are created by Illinois attorneys, for Illinois attorneys.

About Willis R. Tribler

The Willis R. Tribler Law Student Writing Competition is conducted in memory of Willis R. Tribler. Mr. Tribler served IICLE[®] in a variety of capacities over several years as a volunteer author, speaker, member and Chairman (1992 - 1993) of the IICLE[®] Board of Directors. He also was the 1994 recipient of our prestigious Addis E. Hull Award. Mr. Tribler, who was a founding member and senior partner of the Chicago law firm of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, greatly valued excellence in legal writing. He mentored multiple attorneys over the years and recruited several IICLE[®] volunteers. His abundant contributions to IICLE[®] were invaluable, and he is fondly remembered by staff, volunteers, and former colleagues alike.

About the Competition

The Willis R. Tribler Law Student Writing Competition was created to showcase law students in Illinois (and surrounding states) with exceptional writing capabilities to IICLE[®]'s wide network of Illinois attorneys and to introduce IICLE[®] to law students to foster a relationship that we hope will continue throughout their careers. Entries will be judged by a committee comprised of members of IICLE[®] staff and professional editorial team.

The first-place winning entry will be awarded a \$350 prize and published in a future edition of **FLASHPOINTS**, IICLE[®]'s monthly e-newsletter featuring updates in several practice areas. FLASHPOINTS boasts a subscriber base of over 11,800 Illinois attorneys, making this an ideal opportunity for the winning entries to achieve a prestigious curriculum vitae enhancement.

The second and third place winners will have links to their articles published on the Law Student Resource page on the IICLE[®] website.

Guidelines

- All entries must be submitted on or before February 28, 2022. Submissions should be sent electronically to IICLE[®] Publications Attorney, Amelia Finch, at afinch@iicle.com and state “WRT Student Writing Competition Entry” in the subject line of the e-mail.
- Entries must concern an appellate or Supreme Court opinion issued in Illinois within the past 2 years or significant statutory amendment within the past 2 years. Entries should include a brief overview of the case or statute, as well as a discussion of the potential impact of the ruling on Illinois legal practice.
- Entries are limited to a maximum word count of 2,500.
- Entries must be submitted in rich-text (Microsoft Word) format.
- Content must be the original work of the submitting author and must be free of political commentary.
- Please follow Bluebook for all authority referenced in the entry.

Please direct any questions or comments to Amelia Finch, IICLE[®] Publications Attorney, at afinch@iicle.com or 217-321-0703.