2015 STUDENT AWARDS

The National LGBT Bar Association is accepting submissions for:

- The Student Leadership Award
- The Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition
- The International Association of LGBT Judges Writing Competition.

The deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2015 at 5:00pm ET.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The National LGBT Bar Association’s Student Leadership Award is the organization’s highest honor for law students. The 2015 Student Leadership Award will be presented at a special reception at the Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair, held August 5-8, 2015, in Chicago.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**NOMINATIONS:**
In order to nominate an eligible candidate, please submit:

1) A 250 to 500-word statement indicating why the nominee deserves recognition for his or her service to the LGBT community throughout law school; and

2) A copy of the nominee’s resume

Nominations are accepted from anyone, including professors, previous or current employers, peers, and nominees themselves. Please note that recipients are expected to be present at the 2015 Conference in Chicago in order to accept the award.

**AWARDS:**

- Registration costs for the 2015 Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair
- Congratulatory plaque and official recognition at the conference.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted before the competition closing date of **May 15, 2015 at 5:00pm ET.** Please send all questions and nominations for the Student Leadership Award to: student.leadership@lgbtbar.org. Please write “Student Leadership Award” in the subject line.
The Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition scholarship recognizes and encourages outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons. The scholarship was established in memory of Michael Greenberg, a former National LGBT Bar Association board member and Philadelphia attorney who died in 1996 from complications of AIDS.

**TOPIC:** Legal issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or intersex community.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**AWARDS:**

First Place:
- $1,000 cash prize;
- Registration, airfare (within the 48 contiguous United States), and hotel costs for the 2015 Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair;

First & Second Runner-up:
- Registration for the 2015 Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair

**FORMAT:** Each entry should be a scholarly piece fit for publication in a law review. Entries should follow standard note format, including Bluebook (19th edition) citation form. All entries must be submitted in English. Each entry should be no longer than 25 single-sided pages with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. The page limit includes footnotes. Footnotes should be single-spaced and 10-point font. Entries containing endnotes or including appendices or supplemental material will not be considered. Published papers or papers to be published in other publications during the entirety of the competition process are ineligible. Each individual may submit only one entry and group entries will not be accepted. Entries should be the sole work of the author and should not yet have undergone significant editing by others. Editing includes any significant revision as well as technical or substantive review of citations. Informal support, such as general comments on preliminary drafts, is allowed.

All entries must be submitted electronically in either Word or PDF format. Entrants must not include their name or the name of their school on the competition paper itself. Instead, participants must submit a separate cover page indicating their name, school, permanent address, telephone number, and a statement indicating that a preemption check has been completed as of the date of submission. We reserve the right to reject any submissions that do not conform to these standards, in particular those that list any identifying information on the submission directly.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted before the competition closing date of **May 15, 2015 at 5:00pm ET.** All entries must be submitted via email to writingcompetition@lgbtbar.org. Please write “Michael E. Greenberg Writing Competition” in the subject line.
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LGBT JUDGES WRITING COMPETITION

The International Association of LGBT Judges sponsors a writing competition for all law students attending the 2015 Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair. This is an exciting opportunity for law students to speak directly to members of the United States judiciary.

TOPIC:
- Diversity on the Bench; or
- Judicial or legal ethics around LGBT Issues

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school during the 2014-2015 academic year.

AWARDS: The International Association of LGBT Judges and the National LGBT Bar Association will award one applicant with a $1,500 monetary award as well as two $250 honorable mentions. The winner and any recipients of an honorable mention will receive complimentary registration to the 2015 Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair in Chicago. The winning entry may be posted on the American Judges Association’s webpage with excerpts published in their magazine.

FORMAT: Each entry should be a scholarly piece fit for publication in a law review. Entries should follow standard note format, including Bluebook (19th edition) citation form. All entries must be submitted in English. Each entry should be no longer than 25 single-sided pages with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. The page limit includes footnotes. Footnotes should be single-spaced and 10-point font. Entries containing endnotes or including appendices or supplemental material will not be considered. Published papers or papers to be published in other publications during the entirety of the competition process are ineligible. Each individual may submit only one entry and group entries will not be accepted. Entries should be the sole work of the author and should not yet have undergone significant editing by others. Editing includes any significant revision as well as technical or substantive review of citations. Informal support, such as general comments on preliminary drafts, is allowed.

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