

2015 AALA Law Student Poster Contest
AALA Annual Symposium – October 26-28, 2017 – Louisville, Kentucky

Description

The AALA Law Student Poster Contest is an opportunity for students interested in agricultural law to demonstrate their understanding of an agricultural law topic and their ability to relate that understanding to an audience of professionals from private practice, governmental agencies, and academia. This year, the Contest will involve an abstract of the poster, a video presentation of the poster's content, and an interactive display of the poster during the one of the AALA Annual Symposium's receptions.

Guidelines

- Eligibility:
 - Any student enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school as of the contest submission deadline date (October 16, 2017) may enter.
- Contest submissions:
 - To submit contest materials, simply email Shannon L. Ferrell (shannon.l.ferrell@okstate.edu) with the following items (each item is described in further detail below)
 - An electronic file depicting the poster in either Adobe PDF, PowerPoint, or an electronic image file (.jpeg, .tiff, or .png format)
 - The poster abstract
 - The poster presentation video (either the file or an accessible link to the file via YouTube or cloud storage; videos should be in either .mov or .mp4 format)
- Content:
 - Posters should be based on original research students have completed individually. This can be research conducted specifically for the competition or previously unpublished research such as legal research and writing course assignments, unpublished submissions to law journals / reviews, popular press articles written by the contestant, etc. Teams are allowed if all members have contributed to the research. While the research presented may be supervised by a faculty member providing guidance and input, all substantive work on the project should be the work of the contestant(s) alone.
 - A copy of the original research product (article, paper, etc.) should be available for viewing during the poster display time, though it will not factor into the contestant's score.
 - Any legal topic that is directly or indirectly related to agricultural law is acceptable.

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- If the material presented is a result of a law school assignment or unpublished journal submission, no grading of the papers nor proof of the submission is required, as we realize that students may be attempting to publish their article or are currently enrolled in the related course.
- Posters
 - Posters should be no larger than 36” inches in height by 48” inches wide. It is recommended that students have their posters printed/laminated and stored in a tube for transportation purposes.
 - Posters should be of suitable weight and construction that they can be affixed directly to a wall with non-damaging tape or clipped to a presentation easel depending on the needs of the conference facility.
- Abstracts
 - Contestants will submit an abstract summarizing the research presented in the poster. The abstract may be no more than 500 words.
- Video presentations
 - Students submitting a poster should record a video of themselves presenting the content of the poster. Students may record themselves presenting the poster itself, narrate presentation of the poster content via presentation software (such as PowerPoint, Prezi, Keynote, Google Slides, or others), or any other presentation method to convey the poster content. Presentation should be five minutes or less in length.
- Live presentations
 - The posters will be displayed during one of the receptions of the 2017 AALA Annual Symposium. Contestants will engage with the conference attendees to present their posters, which will include the contest judges (who will not be identified to contestants). Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for a “people’s choice award” recipient.
- Prizes
 - Prizes will be awarded to first place and honorable mention. Specific prizes/values will be announced at a later date.

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- Scoring Rubric
 - Contestants will be scored in several different categories with a maximum possible combined score of 100. Prizes will be awarded accordingly for first prize and honorable mention.
 - Contestants will be scored on the following

Item	Maximum Points
Clarity & accuracy of issue's presentation via abstract	20
Clarity & accuracy of issue's presentation via video submission	20
Clarity & accuracy of issue's presentation via reception presentation	20
Professionalism in personal interactions and video	20
Neatness of the poster display & design	5
Creativity in design and presentations	5
The novelty of the legal issue or solution proposed	5
The complexity of the legal issue addressed	5

For more information, contact Shannon L. Ferrell at shannon.l.ferrell@okstate.edu