The Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School announces its 2nd Annual Writing Competition

The Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School provides exceptional research and educational opportunities for the promotion and understanding of international human rights. The Center provides a forum by which students and faculty can discuss and address the relationship between man and God, as well as the rights, duties and obligations that flow from that relationship. The Center supports the Human Rights Program in Strasbourg, France, that brings academics, philosophers, theologians, attorneys, NGO's, and students together to address vital Human Rights issues.

The Center for Human Rights invites the submission of scholarly papers.

Topic

The topic for this year's writing competition is:

The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws.

There is a growing tension, both domestically and internationally, between the freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and the judicial or legislative restrictions on those freedoms. Many state and national constitutions provide for the protection of speech and religion, as do many international treaties. However, the scope of these freedoms has been the subject of increasing debate and limitation, with such limitations often being couched in terms of "hate speech" and "blasphemy" laws.

Scholars are invited to address this growing tension in a manner that best expresses the depth and scope of this continually evolving issue.

Eligibility

Scholarly papers may only be submitted by:

- Students currently enrolled in a JD, LLM, or SJD program; and
- Faculty/Administrators of accredited law schools that offer a JD, LLM, or SJD degree.

Prizes

A First, Second, and Third place will be chosen from the eligible submissions. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Place: \$3,000 Second Place: \$1,000 Third Place: \$500

All prizes will be paid in U.S. Dollars.

The First, Second, and Third place winners will also receive expedited consideration for publication in the 2013/2014 Trinity Law Review. However, "expedited consideration" should not be viewed as a guarantee of publication.

Submission Deadline

Submissions are due on or before March 25, 2013. No papers will be accepted after that date.

Winners will be announced by April 30, 2013, via e-mail.

Please submit all papers, questions, or inquiries to: CHR@tiu.edu

