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2. The cover page of the paper must be submitted in a separate document and shall include the title and the author's name, current mailing and e-mail addresses, and telephone number. The author's name should appear only on the cover page and the entry form. The title and page number must appear at the top of each page of the paper.
3. All papers shall be the original, unpublished work of an individual student, but may have been prepared as a course assignment. Normal guidance of law school faculty is permitted.
4. Entry grants AJA the right of first publication of the paper and is agreement to hold AJA and its members harmless from, and to indemnify them for, any and all damages and costs relating to copyright infringement or plagiarism.
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6. Papers should be double-spaced and 10-25 pages in length. Extensive footnoting or end noting is discouraged and is included in the paper's length. Citations, footnotes, and endnotes should be in accord with the current edition of *A Uniform System of Citation*.
7. Papers will be evaluated considering: writing quality and clarity; the interest of the topic and content to a broad segment of the judiciary; analysis and reasoning; timeliness, originality, and creativity; quality and use of research; and compliance with these rules.
8. Papers will be evaluated, and prizes awarded, at the sole discretion of a panel of AJA members who will have no knowledge of the author's name or law school.
9. Winners will be publicly announced at the Association's 2013 Annual Educational Conference in Hawaii, September 22-27, and thereafter notified by phone or email. All law schools and authors will also be notified by mail or email.
10. **Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than June 1, 2013,** and sent to aja@ncsc.org or mailed to: AJA Essay Competition, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185.
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Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Law School: _____ Year in School: _____

Summer Address: _____

(if different from address shown above)

Summer Phone Number: _____

(if different from phone number shown above)

Title of Essay: _____

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Personal Information: _____

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