



**Sarah Weddington Prize  
for New Student  
Scholarship  
in Reproductive Rights**



LAW STUDENTS  
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REPRODUCTIVE  
J U S T I C E

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**WIN MONEY AND GET PUBLISHED**

Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Center for Reproductive Rights' Law School Initiative are accepting submissions for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Writing Prize.

The theme this year is **Reproductive Rights As Human Rights**

Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Center for Reproductive Rights are looking for fresh student scholarship that focuses on the recognition of reproductive rights as basic human rights that must be promoted and protected. This theme is both timely, in light of the increasing importance of international and comparative legal scholarship, and vital, in light of ongoing obstacles to reproductive justice domestically and around the world.

Papers may be domestic or international in scope, and may draw on international, domestic and comparative law. Authors are encouraged to focus on applying a human rights framework to reproductive justice issues. Possible topics may include but are not limited to the emerging focus on the right to survive pregnancy and childbirth as a human right; the denial of reproductive health care services on the basis of conscience; cruel, unusual and degrading treatment (CIDT) in the context of reproductive health care delivery (e.g., denial of abortion services to women in state custody in the US, shackling of women in labor while in custody in the U.S., and the denial of legal abortion services in Peru in *K.L. v. Peru*); protecting abortion providers as human rights defenders; and ending discrimination in HIV policies in Rwanda and elsewhere.

Suggested resources include:

- LSRJ's Human Rights Primer available Fall Semester 2009 at [www.lsrj.org](http://www.lsrj.org)
- The Center for Reproductive Rights website [www.reproductiverights.org](http://www.reproductiverights.org) including the following publications: *Defending Human Rights: Abortion Providers Facing Threats, Restrictions, and Harassment*; *Bringing Rights to Bear: An Analysis of the Work of UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies on Reproductive and Sexual Rights*; *Maternal Mortality in India: Using International and Constitutional Law to Promote Accountability and Change*

Papers must be at least 20 pages in length, not including footnotes, double-spaced in 12-point font, with footnotes in 10-point font. Papers must conform to Bluebook citation format. Only original scholarship by law students, or law graduates of 2009, will be accepted. Papers submitted for publication elsewhere will be accepted; however, previously published papers cannot be accepted. An outside panel of attorney and professor judges will select the winners.

Send a Word attachment of your submission to [submissions@lsrj.org](mailto:submissions@lsrj.org) by March 1, 2010 at 12:00 PM, EST.

Winning authors will receive \$750 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$500 (2<sup>nd</sup> place) or \$250 (3<sup>rd</sup> place), have their submission published on the LSRJ and CRR websites, and potentially be invited to present their papers at conferences and symposia.