

THE JUDGE JOHN R. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

33RD ANNUAL BROWN AWARD

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RULES FOR THE 2026 BROWN AWARD OF \$15,000 FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the thirty-third annual *Brown Award*. The Award honors excellence in legal writing in American law schools. Any law student currently enrolled in an accredited law school in the United States seeking a J.D. or LL.B degree is eligible to submit a paper for the Award. The amounts awarded for 2026 will be as follows:

**\$15,000 First Place,
\$7,500 Second Place,
\$5,000 Third Place,
\$2,500 Finalist,
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**\$5,000 to the Scholarship Fund selected by the Dean of
the law school in which the First-Place candidate is enrolled.**

In order to be considered, **two** copies of a **current** legal writing must be submitted to the Foundation c/o Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C., 1990 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77056. The article must be accompanied by a **letter of recommendation from a law school faculty member or legal professional other than the author of the paper**. Only one paper may be submitted on behalf of any student, and only one paper may be sponsored by any faculty member or legal professional. The submission must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2026.

The submission must contain a **separate sheet** containing the title of the paper; the name, physical address, telephone number, and email address of the student; the name of the student's law school; and the name, title, physical address, and email address of the student's sponsor. There is no page limitation or restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject. Papers that have been submitted to a law review for publication are eligible, but the submission must be of the paper in its form before it was edited by anyone other than the author.

The Foundation will appoint a final judging panel consisting of a law school dean, a federal judge, and a law school professor. The Foundation will not return any material submitted to the Foundation. The 2026 recipient of the *Brown Award* will be notified by December 31, 2026, and listed with the other finalists at the website www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/.