

FINEST LAW SCHOOL WRITERS SELECTED BY THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM



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New York, New York: The finest law school writers of 2020 have been announced by the Burton Awards, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit program, which is held in association with the Library of Congress, presented by lead sponsor Law360, and co-sponsored by the American Bar Association. The winners, who will be presented the “Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards” on June 14, 2021, were chosen from the nominations submitted by professors at renowned colleges around the country. William Burton, Founder and Chair of the awards program, said “The winners are outstanding, highly skilled, and effective writers. The Law360 Writing Awards winners have now taught a new and even higher standard of excellence.”

The Academic Board, which reviewed articles published within the past year, was led by Virginia Wise, Chair, formerly of Harvard Law School; Jeanne Merino, Stanford Law School; Lindsay Saffouri, UC Berkeley School of Law, William C. Burton, Author and Founder of the event; Judge Edward Forstenzer, Superior Court of California (retired); and William Ryan, former member of the Department of Homeland Security and Chair of the White House Plain Language Committee.

The awards ceremony will be celebrating its Twenty-first Anniversary at the Library of Congress. The awards ceremony will be followed by a gala reception, dinner, and performance by singer, songwriter, actor and author, Sara Bareilles, and world-class entertainer and mentalist, Oz Pearlman.

The honorary and distinguished Board of Directors of the Burton Awards program includes: William C. Burton, Partner, SagatBurton LLP; Les Parrette, Deputy Chairman, The Burton Awards; Chief Judge Richard Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (*retired*); U.S. Senator John Cornyn; U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; U.S. Senator Mike Crapo; U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet; U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; U.S. Senator Cory Gardner; U.S. Senator James E. Risch; U.S. Senator Tim Kaine; Justice Carol Corrigan, California Court of Appeals; Yabo Lin, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, McLegal Group; Rodgin Cohen, Senior Chairman, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP; Lisa Rickard, Former President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Thomas L. Sager, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP; James M.

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Rachel Travers, General Manager of Law360 said, “Clear, compelling writing is essential for all lawyers. Law360 is proud to be associated with these awards, where the best of the best writers in the legal profession are recognized. Hats off to the nominees and award winners for demonstrating their writing talents and maintaining the highest standards of excellence.”

The 2020 Law School winners are:

Law School	Author(s)	Article Title
Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University	MJ Egan	When Does "Currently" Using No Longer Apply? The Americans with Disabilities Act, The Opioid Crisis, and the Search for a Solution
Brooklyn Law School	Evan Drake	Sovereign Immunity for Russia's Rocket Engines? Enforcing the "Yukos" Award
Emory University School of Law	Elijah O'Kelley	State Constitutions as a Check on the New Governors: Using State Free Speech Clauses to Protect Social Media Users from Arbitrary Political Censorship by Social Media Platforms
Fordham University School of Law	Nadav D. Ben Zur	Differentiating Legislative from Nonlegislative Rules: An Empirical and Qualitative Analysis
Howard University School of Law	Quiana D. Harris	A Plea to Federal Judges: Combatting Prosecutorial Misconduct in the Cliven Bundy Era
Stanford Law School	Joseph (Joe) Zabel	The Killer Inside Us: Law, Ethics, and the Forensic Use of Family Genetics
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University	Walter G. Johnson	Governance Tools for the Second Quantum Revolution
Tulane Law School	Jenna Raden	Fragmenting Local Governance and Fracturing America's Suburbs: An Analysis of Municipal Incorporations and Segregative Effect Liability Under the Fair Housing Act

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law	Randall D. Nice	Reviving the Lost Tort of Defamation: A Proposal to Stem the Flow of Fake News
University of Florida Levin College of Law	Victor M. Palace	WHAT IF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WROTE THIS? ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND COPYRIGHT LAW
University of Houston Law Center	Vanessa Garza	Unheard and Deported: The Unconstitutional Denial of Habeas Corpus in Expedited Removal
University of Miami School of Law	Hannah Gordon	Cowboys and Indians: Settler Colonialism and the Dog Whistle in U.S. Immigration Policy
University of Michigan Law School	Julie C. Michalski	Microgrids For Micro-Communities: Reducing The Energy Burden In Rural Areas
University of Wisconsin Law School	Brian P. Cawley	Damning the Mekong: Project Finance's Inability to Cure the Steep Costs of Hydropower Development in the Mekong River Basin
West Virginia University College of Law	Amanda Demmerle	Pain in the Ash: How Coal-Fired Power Plants Are Polluting Our Nation's Waters Without Consequences
William & Mary Law School	Elisha Teibel	Waste Size: The Skinny on the Environmental Costs of the Fashion Industry

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The Founder and Chair of The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement is William C. Burton, Esq., a partner at the law firm of Sagat|Burton LLP. He is a former New York State Assistant Attorney General, a former New York State Assistant Special Prosecutor, and is the author of the first legal thesaurus ever written for the legal profession, entitled *Burton's Legal Thesaurus*. The book is now in its 5th edition and quickly approaching its 35th anniversary. When the book was released, the Association of American Publishers recognized it as “one of the Most innovative and creative projects of the year.” In 2011, Mr. Burton was presented the highest honor given by the second largest association of law professors in America, The Legal Writing Institute, for “significantly advancing the cause of legal writing in the profession of law.” More recently, he was awarded the “Blackstone Award” by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, for “embodying and promoting the best ideals of the institution.” In 2017, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform Individual Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Burton for making the U.S. Justice System “fairer for all.”