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Royce Duplessis
President

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. ("Martinet Society") Annual Scholarship Competition is designed to encourage students to express their views on a pre-selected topic. The contest gives law students an opportunity to obtain some financial support to continue their legal education.

William Snowden
Vice President

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION?

This scholarship competition is open to law student members of the Black Law Student Association at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Tulane University Law School, Southern University Law Center, and LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

James Moffett
Treasurer

April Davenport
Recording Secretary

COMPETITION RULES AND DEADLINE

1. All entries must be typewritten in 12 point font and double-spaced with margins no smaller than one (1) inch not to exceed five (5) pages in length (does not include cover sheet).
2. Each entry should have a cover sheet. The cover sheet must contain the name of each student, his/her local mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, law school, law school classification (1L, 2L, or 3L), and length of time as a member of the Black Law Student Association (and any relevant leadership positions).
3. Each submission must be accompanied by the applicant's resume.
4. All submissions must be electronically submitted to the Gala Committee email: GALA@GNOMARTINET.COM and must include Subject Line: 2017 Annual Scholarship Competition Submission by [your name].
5. **THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017, 5PM (CST).**

Amelia Colomb
Corresponding Secretary

Ashley Helprin
President-Elect

Dana Douglas
Immediate Past President

AWARDS

Each scholarship recipient will be given one (1) ticket to attend the 2017 Annual Scholarship Gala on September 9, 2017, 11 a.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 921 Canal Street New Orleans, LA. At least four (4) scholarships will be awarded. The maximum scholarship amount for each scholarship is \$2,000. Scholarships are funded by the New Orleans Martinet Legal Foundation, Inc., the 501(c)(3) non-profit branch of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

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TOPIC FOR THE 2017 MARTINET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

21ST CENTURY CIVIL RIGHTS: *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 US 537 (1896), was a landmark constitutional law case of the U.S. Supreme Court. It upheld state racial segregation laws for public facilities under the doctrine of "separate but equal." This doctrine remained the federal law standard until its repudiation in the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*. The founding of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society was announced only 3 years later. The Martinet Society was established to combat the racial injustices and inequalities that existed during that time. 60 years later, there are still a myriad of civil rights issues that negatively impact minority communities. Please discuss a civil rights issue that currently impacts the African American community, in particular, and propose a program the Martinet Society or other specialty/minority bar association can implement to directly address this civil rights issue.

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