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ALBERT S. PERGAM
INTERNATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION AWARD



Deadline:

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
4:00 p.m. EST

Albert S. Pergam International Writing Competition Award

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. **The submission deadline is 4:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 25, 2026**.

The International Section comprises approximately 1,500 members of the New York State Bar Association (both American and foreign lawyers) who practice, or have an interest in, public and private international law.

The writing competition, which began in 1988, fosters legal scholarship in international law by encouraging law students and new legal practitioners to write on topics in public or private international law. The International Section believes that by providing a forum to disseminate their ideas and articles, the professional and academic communities are enriched. Furthermore, the competition offers an opportunity to submit law review-quality articles to the Section for possible publication in one of its publications (e.g., the New York International Law Review).

Faculty members of any college or university and legal practitioners with three (3) or more years of professional experience as a licensed attorney in any U.S. jurisdiction are **ineligible** to participate. A committee of practicing attorneys will review all submissions, and a winner will be chosen based on a variety of factors, including the significance and timeliness of the subject matter, thoroughness of research and analysis, clarity of writing style, as well as the importance and originality of the topic to the understanding of private/public international law or comparative law.

The winner will receive:

1) $2,000 USD; and

2) Publication of the article (subject to editorial approval) in the *New York International Law Review*.

The rules are set forth on the following page.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Submissions are open to current law students (J.D., LL.M., and Ph.D. candidates) at any law school worldwide at the time of submission, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The author must not have more than three (3) years of experience (past or present) as an actively licensed attorney in any U.S. or foreign jurisdiction.
2. The submission must not have been published or be under contract for publication with any other outlet, except for the New York State Bar Journal, the New York International Law Review, or the International Law Practicum (see rule 5 for more details).
3. The submission must be a piece of legal scholarship (i.e., a law review-style article) primarily focused on an aspect of law in any area of public or private international law or practice.
4. Submissions must include proof of enrollment in law school as a J.D., LL.M., or Ph.D. student, along with a copy of the author's resume/CV.

SUBMISSION FORMAT

All articles must be:

- Written in English
- Double-spaced
- Formatted on 8.5" x 11" paper with 1-inch margins
- Cited according to *A Uniform System of Citation* (The Bluebook)
- Maximum length of 40 pages (including cover page and footnotes), not to exceed 20,000 words inclusive of footnotes

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All articles must be submitted by email no later than **4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, November 20, 2026**, to:

Sharmin Woodall
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New York State Bar Association
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Albany, NY 12207
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In your cover email or letter, please provide your:

- Full name
- Permanent address
- Daytime phone number

Do not include personal identifying information on the cover page of your submission or within the article itself. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

TIMELINE

- Submission Deadline: 4pm on **Friday, November 20, 2026**
- Announcement of Winner: December 2026
- Award Presentation: January 2026 (more details to follow)
- Publication of winning article in the NYILR: Fall 2026 Issue

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