

Founded in 1999, the Journal of High Technology Law (JHTL) became a Suffolk University Law School Honor Board in April of 2001. The JHTL complements the Intellectual Property Law Concentration, the LL.M. in Global Technology, and the distinguished high technology faculty and student-run organizations at Suffolk Law.

The JHTL covers diverse subject matter, including, but not limited to:

- Intellectual Property
- Cyber-crime
- Copyright & Trademarks
- E-Commerce
- Trade Secrets
- Biomedical law
- Patent Law
- Nexus Between Constitutional Law and Cyberspace
- Privacy Rights and Surveillance Technology
- Courtroom Technology
- Internet Law
- Reproductive Technology

JHTL staff members come from diverse backgrounds in science, the arts, and the humanities and are selected through the summer Open and Closed Write-On Competitions.

To participate in the Open Write On, students must:

1. Complete a *cite checking assignment*
  - a. Available at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> online at <http://www.jhtl.org/>.
  - b. Due via email to [Open2009@jhtl.org](mailto:Open2009@jhtl.org), along with the two other requirements listed below on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> by 7:00 P.M.
2. Select a Note topic and submit:
  1. *An Abstract* (2-3 paragraphs)
  2. *A History section* (8-10 pages, double-spaced)Examples are downloadable at <http://www.jhtl.org/>.

During the 2009-10 academic year, JHTL staff members are required to:

1. Write a Note of Publishable Quality (20-30 page minimum)
  - a. *May be used as the SULLS writing requirement*
2. Write a Book Review (approximately 6 pages)
3. Undertake 4 hours of cite checking per week

The JHTL offers its staff unique benefits among the SULLS journals. Because there is a high technology element to virtually every aspect of law, you have the opportunity to write about a topic that truly interests you. A unique feature of the JHTL is its ability to publish all articles online. The book review requirement is a means by which all staff members will be “published” while at law school, furthermore, many staff members will have the opportunity to publish their Notes while still law students.

The JHTL is student run by an Editorial Board of past JHTL staff members. The Editorial Board coordinates and supervises the research and writing development for all JHTL staff members.

**From the Editor-in-Chief**

May 11, 2009

Dear Applicant:

Welcome to the Journal of High Technology Law's (JHTL) Summer 2009 Open Write-On Competition, and thank you for participating. JHTL strives to be on the cutting-edge of legal issues concerning all aspects of high technology. This mission is accomplished only through the dedication and hard work of its staff members and Editorial Board. The Open Write-On Competition allows any SULLS student in good academic standing that has completed his or her first year (day program) or second year (evening program) of law school to become a staff member of the JHTL.

We understand the Open Write-On process, which includes choosing and researching a Note topic will likely be new to many of you and strongly encourage applicants to read through all the information in this packet carefully.

Your submissions are due via email to [Open2009@jhtl.org](mailto:Open2009@jhtl.org) by **7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 1st, 2009**. You must strictly adhere to document length and formatting instructions. Once we have received all of the applications an email will be sent confirming receipt of your application and providing you with a date and time when we will be extending offers by phone. For this reason please provide us with a primary email address and phone number in the enclosed contract information sheet. Thank you again for your interest in JHTL, we look forward to reading your application.

Best of luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Thompson".

Keith Thompson  
Editor-in-Chief  
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## **JHTL Open Write-On Competition Guidelines**

*Strict adherence to the following requirements is essential for consideration:*

### **Anonymity**

The Editorial Board reviews all submissions anonymously. Do not put your name anywhere on your application. Insert your Suffolk student identification number in the header of each page of your piece and fill out the Competitor Information Sheet. In addition, it is essential that you save your application documents as “studentID\_JHTL\_History” and “studentID\_JHTL\_CiteChecking” (please insert your *own* student ID number where indicated). Although we will be receiving submissions from your personal email, we assure you that your application will be saved to a separate database and reviewed anonymously.

### **Content**

Students who choose to compete in the Open Write-On must submit the following three (3) items:

#### **1. Cite Checking Assignment**

The cite checking assignment will be available online at <http://www.jhtl.org> at 9:00 AM on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The assignment will consist of a series of short passages with associated footnotes. With the Bluebook as your guide, you are to note specific errors in the text and footnotes and provide the appropriate corrections using track changes in Microsoft Word. Additional instructions are included in the cite checking portion of this application.

#### **2. Note Abstract**

A brief, 2 to 3 paragraph abstract of the topic that you are writing about for your History section. Please submit this in the same document as your History section.

#### **3. Note History Section**

The History section serves to give your Note-topic context and perspective, historically and legally. In this section, discuss the background and development of the law as it relates to your topic. Case names as well as relevant holdings should be included in the footnotes (which must conform to the Bluebook). The History section must be 8 to 10 pages (double-spaced) excluding the abstract.

Please note, if you are invited to join JHTL you will **not** be bound to write your Note on the topic you select for this competition. However, developing a novel topic now will provide you with an opportunity to turn your hard work on this application into a solid first step in the Note-writing process.

Before you begin thinking about your Note topic we invite you to visit the JHTL website (<http://www.jhtl.org>) and read through some of our current and past publications. This will provide you with many examples of the range of topics addressed in JHTL.

If you have questions about your topic contact JHTL Associate Managing Editor, Kate Bernier at [KateBernier@jhtl.org](mailto:KateBernier@jhtl.org).

### **Format**

- Microsoft Word with 1" margins on all sides.
- TEXT: Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, double-spaced.
- FOOTNOTES: Times New Roman, 10 pt. font, single-spaced.
- Left Justified
- Centered page numbers, at the bottom of the page.
- Insert your student identification number in the header on each page you submit.

### **Submission**

Submit 1 electronic copy of your History Section (including Abstract) and 1 electronic copy of your Cite Checking assignment via email to [Open2009@jhtl.org](mailto:Open2009@jhtl.org).

### **Due Date**

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 by 7:00 P.M. Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **Evaluation**

Your submission will be evaluated based on the quality of the writing, research, and compliance with the Bluebook. You must do your own work, with no outside help. You may, however, seek advice in determining the scope and nature of your topic but all work submitted for the competition must be your own original work.

### **Invitations**

Once we have received all of the Open Write-On Submissions you will receive an email including information about the date on which invitations will be extended.

### **Questions**

Please do not hesitate to contact [KeithThompson@jhtl.org](mailto:KeithThompson@jhtl.org) with any questions you may have.

**Good luck!**