

Law and Policy Division

Call for Papers (and Reviewers) San Francisco 2020 AEJMC Paper Competition Call

The Law and Policy Division invites submission of original research papers on communications law and policy for the 2020 AEJMC Conference in San Francisco, California. Papers may focus on any topic related to communications law and/or policy, including defamation, privacy, FCC issues, intellectual property, obscenity, freedom of information, and other relevant media law and policy topics. Papers outside the scope of communications law and policy will be rejected.

The Division welcomes a variety of theoretical orientations and any method appropriate to the research question. A panel of judges will blind-referee all submissions, and selection will be based strictly on merit. Authors need not be AEJMC or Law and Policy Division members, but they must attend the conference to present accepted papers.

Paper authors should submit via the online submission process as described in the Uniform Paper Call. Law and Policy Division papers should be between 25–50 **double-spaced pages** with one-inch margins and 12-point font, including cover page, appendices, tables, footnotes and/or endnotes, and end-of-paper reference list, if applicable. (Footnotes and/or endnotes and reference list may be single-spaced.) Papers that exceed 50 total pages or are not double-spaced will be automatically rejected without review. Bluebook citation format is preferred, but authors may employ any recognized and uniform format for referencing authorities, including APA, Chicago, or MLA styles.

Papers that include author-identifying information within the text, in headers, or within the embedded electronic file properties will be **automatically rejected**. Before submitting your paper, please make certain that all author-identifying information has been removed and that all instructions have been followed per the AEJMC uniform paper call. Take every precaution to ensure that your self-citations do not in any way reveal your identity. Authors are solely responsible for checking the final uploaded version of their paper for any and all author identifying information. Submitting before the conference deadline will allow you to fully check your submissions as they are entered into the system so that a resubmission prior to the deadline is possible if necessary.

There is no limit on the number of submissions authors may make to the Division. Any paper previously published or presented at a conference except the AEJMC Southeast Colloquium or the AEJMC Midwinter Conference is **not** eligible for the competition.

The Division again will award a **Top Debut Faculty Paper**. The top paper accepted by a faculty member who has never had a paper accepted by the Division will be awarded a prize of \$150 and will receive free conference registration. For papers with multiple authors, multiple faculty and/or faculty and student, to be eligible none of the authors of the paper may have

previously had a paper accepted by the Division at the national conference. In addition, only the faculty author presenting the paper will be eligible for free conference registration.

Student authors should clearly indicate their student status on the cover page. Student-only submissions will be considered for the \$100 Whitney and Shirley Mundt Award, given to the top student paper. Co-authored papers are eligible for the competition so long as all authors are students. The Law and Policy Division will also cover conference registration fees for the top three student paper presenters. In the case of co-authored student papers, only the student author presenting the paper will be eligible for free conference registration.

Instructions/Logistics

All research papers must be uploaded through an online server to the group appropriate to the paper's topic via a link on the AEJMC website: **www.AEJMC.org**. The following uniform call will apply to ALL AEJMC paper competitions. Additional information specific to an individual group's call is available at the end of the uniform call information.

1. Submit the paper via the AEJMC website link (www.aejmc.org) to the AEJMC group appropriate to the paper's topic. Format should be Word, WordPerfect, or a PDF. **PDF format is strongly encouraged.**

2. **The paper must be uploaded to the server no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) Wednesday, April 1, 2020.**

3. Also upload a paper abstract of no more than 75-words.

4. Completely fill out the online submission form with author(s) name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. The title should be printed on the first page of the text and on running heads on each page of text, as well as on the title page. **Do NOT include author's name on running heads or title page.**

5. Papers uploaded with author's identifying information WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION. ALL AEJMC DIVISIONS, INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMISSION PAPER SUBMISSIONS WILL ABIDE BY THIS RULE WITHOUT EXCEPTION. We encourage everyone to submit at least a day before the conference deadline so that there is time to do a final check of the documents for self-identifying information, and time for resubmission prior to the deadline if necessary.

We are also in need of reviewers. If you are not writing a paper, please contact Caitlin Carlson (information below) if you are willing to serve the division as a reviewer.

If you have questions, please contact Caitlin Carlson, Law and Policy Division Research Chair, Seattle University, Phone: (206) 220-8531; email: carlso42@seattleu.edu.