



AIPF'S 2020 WRITING COMPETITION

The Association of Intellectual Property Firms (AIPF) is pleased to announce it is introducing a competition for an essay or journal article on a topic of the author's choice regarding intellectual property.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020.

PRIZE: The winner will receive an expenses paid trip to San Diego, CA to attend AIPF's 2020 Annual Meeting, scheduled from September 23-25, 2020. The prize will include:

- A complimentary registration to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting (valued at \$900.00 USD)
- 2 nights' accommodation at the Westin San Diego (for the nights of September 23 and 24, 2020)
- Up to \$200.00 USD to cover incidental expenses, and
- A round-trip economy airfare from your home city to San Diego (up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 USD).

It is intended that the winner will be notified by June 30, 2020, so providing them with the opportunity to organize attendance at the Annual Meeting in September 2020. The winning entry will be published in The IP Law Bugle, the journal of AIPF.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Author must be employed by a member firm of the AIPF at the time of submission.
2. The Author must have joined their IP profession within the last 10 years (prior to June 30, 2020) and/or is employed by a firm that became a member within the last 2 years (prior to June 30, 2020).

RULES

1. Entries should be substantive works displaying original thinking in an area of intellectual property of the author's choice.
2. Entries must be unpublished essays or journal articles, which are the original work of a single author.
3. Entries should be between 5,000 and 10,000 words, including any appropriate endnotes which must appear at the end of the essay.
4. Entries must be submitted electronically by May 1, 2020, to Brett Lunn, Chair of the Judging Panel, (blunn@fbrice.com) with the Executive Office (admin@aipf.com) copied on submission. Entries must be in "Microsoft Word" format, and must be formatted as double-spaced text (except for headings, text in footnotes/endnotes, or block quotes, which may be single-spaced) on 8 ½ x 11-inch paper (paper orientation: portrait) with at least one-inch margins on all sides, in 12 point font.
5. Entries must be accompanied by a separate page giving the author's name, contact details, and a short biography. Entries must also include a separate page with a brief summary of the essay (50-100 words). No identification of the author should appear in the entry itself.

DISCLAIMER: The decision of the judging panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judging panel will retain the discretion not to award the Prize.

The prize comprising the accommodation, registration to the 2020 AIPF Annual Meeting, and travel expenses are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. In the case of the airfare, payment will be made on receipt of a copy of an official invoice from an airline or travel agent up to the maximum amount of \$2,000.00 USD.

All entries, including those that are not awarded the Prize, will be treated as submissions for publication to AIPF's IP Law Bugle, subject to the same terms and licenses as those submissions. Thus, at the decision of AIPF and the author, any entry may be considered for publication in the Bugle notwithstanding its lack of being awarded this prize.



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The competition is open to employees of AIPF member firms. The subject matter should display original thinking in an area of intellectual property of the author's choice. Entries must be submitted electronically by May 1, 2020, to Brett Lunn (contact information below) with the Executive Office (admin@aipf.com) copied on submission.

See Rules for details on submission requirements.

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