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MEMORANDUM 12-07

TO: Deans and Academic Associate Deans of Member
and Fee-Paid Schools

FROM: Susan Westerberg Prager, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Call for Scholarly Papers

This year, the AALS will sponsor its twenty-eighth annual review of scholarly papers, submitted by newer full-time faculty. This endeavor was launched to encourage and recognize legal scholarship and to broaden the participation of newer law teachers in the Annual Meeting Program. We begin this process with the call for scholarly papers. The AALS invites all full-time faculty of AALS member or fee-paid schools, who as of July 1, 2012, have been educators for **five or fewer years**, to submit papers to the Committee to Review Scholarly Papers for the 2013 Annual Meeting. The deadline for all submissions is **August 6, 2012**.

The AALS would like, as in past years, a sizable number of scholarly papers of high quality and on a broad array of topics for the committee's review. As Deans, you have considerable interest in and influence over the research plans of your junior faculty. We therefore ask that you encourage your eligible faculty to submit their papers to the AALS. Previous winners have told us that this honor has made a difference to the law review editors considering publication of their articles.

The papers will be reviewed on an anonymous basis by a committee of established scholars, chaired this year by Michele B. Goodwin of the University of Minnesota.

Papers that make a substantial contribution to legal literature may be selected for distribution and oral presentation at a special program at the 2013 Annual Meeting in New Orleans

Complete information on the competition is attached to this memorandum. The information will also be published in the April issue of the AALS Newsletter.

Enclosure

Call for Scholarly Papers for Presentation at 2013 AALS Annual Meeting

To encourage and recognize excellent legal scholarship and to broaden participation by new law teachers in the Annual Meeting program, the Association is sponsoring its twenty-seventh annual *Call for Scholarly Papers*. Those who will have been full-time law teachers at an AALS member or fee-paid school for **five years or fewer on July 1, 2012** are invited to submit a paper on a topic related to or concerning law. A committee of established scholars will review the submitted papers with the authors' identities concealed.

Papers that make a substantial contribution to legal literature may be selected for distribution and oral presentation at a special program to be held at the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 2012. Authors of the presented papers will also be recognized at the Annual Meeting Luncheon. The selection committee must determine that a paper is of sufficient quality to deserve this special recognition, and the AALS is not obligated to select any paper.

Deadline: To be considered in the competition three hard copies of the manuscript must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2012 and sent to: Call for Scholarly Papers, Association of American Law Schools, 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036. Also, an electronic version must be emailed to scholarlypapers@aals.org no later than August 6, 2012.

Anonymity: The manuscript should be accompanied by a cover letter with the author's name and contact information. The manuscript itself, including title page and footnotes, must not contain any references that identify the author or the author's school. The submitting author is responsible for taking any steps necessary to redact self-identifying text or footnotes.

Form and Length: The manuscript must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2" by 11" paper in 12-point (or larger) type with ample (at least 1") margins on all sides and must have sequential page numbers on each page of the submitted article. Footnotes should be 10-point or larger, single-spaced, and preferably on the same page as the referenced text. **Each submission must be prepared using either Microsoft Word or otherwise submitted in rich text format.**

Submissions are limited to articles, essays and book chapters. **There is a maximum word limit of 30,000 words (inclusive of footnotes) for the submitted manuscripts. Manuscripts will not be returned.**

Eligibility: Faculty members of AALS member and fee-paid schools, including visiting faculty whose "home" school is also an AALS member or fee paid school, are eligible to submit papers. Fellows and adjuncts are ineligible, as are visiting faculty whose "home" school is not a member or fee-paid school. The competition is open to those who have been full-time law teachers for five years or fewer as of July 1, 2012 (for these purposes, one is considered a full-time faculty member while officially "on leave" from the law school). Co-authored papers are eligible for consideration, but each of the co-authors must meet the eligibility criteria established above. Professors are limited to one submission each. A co-authored submission is treated as an individual submission by each author, and precludes additional submissions by either author. No one who has won the AALS Scholarly Papers Competition is eligible to compete again. Honorable Mention recipients are eligible to enter again.

Papers are expected to reflect original research or major developments in previously reported research. Papers are not eligible for consideration if they will have been published before February 2013. However, inclusion of a version of the paper on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) or similar pre-publication resources does not count as “publication” for purposes of this competition. Submitted papers, whether or not selected for recognition, may be subsequently published as arranged by the authors. Papers may have been revised on the basis of review by colleagues.

Statement of Compliance: The cover letter accompanying each submission must include a statement verifying:

1. The author holds a faculty appointment at a member or fee-paid school;
2. The author has been engaged in full-time teaching for five years or fewer as of July 1, 2012;
3. All information identifying the author or author’s school has been removed from the manuscript;
4. The paper has not been previously published and is not committed for publication prior to February 2013;
5. The content of the hard copy version of the paper is, in all respects, identical to the electronic version of the paper; and
6. The author must agree to notify the AALS if and as soon as s/he learns that the submitted paper will be published before February 2013.

Each paper author is to indicate up to four subject categories from the list below that best describe the paper. In the event that none of the categories listed captures the essence of the paper or the author feels that another category not listed below best describes the paper, the author is permitted to write-in one topic under “other” that best describes the paper.

Subject Categories: Administrative Law; Admiralty; Agency/Partnership; Agricultural Law; Animal Law; Antitrust; Alternative Dispute Resolution; American Indian Law; Arts and Literature; Bank and Finance; Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights; Civil Procedure; Civil Rights; Commercial Law; Communications Law; Community Property ; Comparative Law; Computer and Internet Law; Conflict of Laws; Constitutional Law; Consumer Law; Contracts; Corporations; Courts; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Critical Legal Theory; Disability Law; Dispute Resolution; Domestic Relations; Economics, Law and; Education Law; Elder Law; Employment Practice; Energy and Utilities; Environmental Law; Entertainment Law; Estate Planning and Probate; Evidence; Family Law; Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure; Foreign Relations/National Security; Gender Law; Health Law and Policy; Housing Law; Human Rights Law; Immigration Law; Insurance Law; Intellectual Property; International Law – Public; International Law – Private; Jurisprudence; Juveniles; Labor; Law and Society; Law and Technology; Law Enforcement and Corrections; Legal Analysis and Writing; Legal Education; Legal History; Legal Profession; Legislation; Local Government; Mergers and Acquisitions; Military Law; Natural

Resources Law; Nonprofit Organization; Organizations; Poverty Law; Products Liability; Professional Responsibility; Property Law; Race and the Law; Real Estate Transactions; Religion, Law and; Remedies; Securities; Sexuality and the Law; Social Justice; Social Sciences, Law and; State and Local Government Law; Taxation – Federal; Taxation – State & Local; Terrorism; Torts; Trade; Trial and Appellate Advocacy; Trusts and Estates; Workers' Compensation.

Presentation at the Annual Meeting: The author of any selected paper will present an oral summary of the paper at a special program to be held at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Copies of the paper will be made available for distribution to those attending the presentation.

Inquiries: Questions should be directed to scholarlypapers@aals.org.