



Appellate Courts Seminar, November 24-25, 2021

STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION WHERE WE'RE GOING



The planning committee of the National Judicial Institute's *Appellate Courts Seminar* is proud to announce the launch of an essay competition that will give a law student the unique opportunity to meet with and present their ideas to appellate judges from across Canada.

The competition, titled "Where We're Going," is being organized as part of the 2021 *Appellate Courts Seminar*, to be held in Halifax on November 24 and 25, 2021.

The winner will be invited to present their essay at the seminar, with their expenses paid to travel to Halifax.

Participants are invited to submit an original essay related to the topic of "Where We're Going: The Big Issue Facing Appellate Courts in the Next Decade" by September 1, 2021. The essay must be accompanied by an abstract, as well as the script for a three-minute presentation or video, intended to spark debate at the *Appellate Courts Seminar*. The creativity and effectiveness of this presentation will form part of the assessment of each submission.

Essays should discuss any significant issue that may come before appellate courts in Canada in the next decade. This includes emerging or unanticipated legal issues, broader social issues that will come before the courts, or other public policy challenges.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY: The Competition is open to all undergraduate law students (J.D., LL.B. or B.CL) registered in a Canadian law school or faculty during the 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022 academic years.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION

The essay should be:

- Written in English or French
- A maximum of 8,000 words in length (including footnotes) for texts in English, or 8,800 words for texts in French. Full references must follow the [*Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation, 9th edition*](#)

- Unpublished (not yet accepted for publication) as of September 1, 2021
- Written in 12-point font, double-spaced, with 2.5 cm margins on all sides
- Paginated (page numbers in the upper right corner)
- Submitted in MS Word format
- Introduced by a distinct document including the title, author, and contact details (notably email address), and a statement affirming the author's eligibility for the competition and the unpublished status of the paper

The essay should be accompanied by:

- An ABSTRACT (maximum 200 words) that summarizes the main question as well as the essay's main conclusions
- The SCRIPT for a three-minute oral presentation to be delivered at the *Appellate Courts Seminar* to trigger debate and reflection

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submissions are to be emailed to AVerville@nji-inm.ca by **September 1, 2021, at 1 PM, Eastern Daylight Time.**

Announcements to be made in October 2021.