



# 2016 Writing Competition

## The Competition

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The Patent Quality Initiative, an education, information and advocacy effort with the goal of improving the understanding, use and reliability of patents in financial services and elsewhere, is hosting a writing competition for law students to research and write about issues related to patent quality.

Submitted entries must focus primarily on one or more aspects of patent quality.

Examples of potential topics include:

- **THE IMPACT OF LEGISLATION;**
- **CHANGES TO THE PATENT EXAMINATION PROCESS FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ISSUED PATENTS;**
- **ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED METHODS OF MEASURING PATENT QUALITY;**
- **IMPORTANCE OF PATENT QUALITY FOR SUPPORTING INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.**

## Prizes

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The first place winner will be awarded a cash prize of **\$3,000** and one second place winner will be awarded a cash prize of **\$1,500**.



Both of the winning entries will be published on the **Patently-O Patent Law Journal** and on [patentqualityinitiative.com](http://patentqualityinitiative.com).

## Judging

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Ten finalist entries will be selected and reviewed by a panel of judges. Judges for the competition will include:

- **CHARLES DUAN**

Director of Public Knowledge's Patent Reform Project

- **MATT LEVY**

Counsel at the Computer & Communications Industry Association and Contributor to Patent Progress

- **MICHAEL RISCH**

Professor, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

- **SEAN REILLY**

General Counsel of Askeladden L.L.C. and head of the Patent Quality Initiative

## Submission of Entries

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Please submit entries by email to [writing.competition@patentqualityinitiative.com](mailto:writing.competition@patentqualityinitiative.com) with "**PQI Writing Competition**" in the subject line. Entries may be submitted beginning September 5, 2016, and must be **received no later than November 7, 2016**. The winners will be announced December 2016.