

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Teresa Godwin Phelps Scholarship Award
for Works Published in 2018

Award Criteria

This award honors and draws attention to individual works of outstanding scholarship specific to the legal writing discipline that are published in a given calendar year. The award is meant to set aspirational standards for others who produce scholarship in the field. The award is not meant to honor instructional materials, such as textbooks.

In making an award, the selection committee and the LWI Board will focus solely on whether an individual work is specific to the discipline of legal writing and on whether it makes an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the discipline. Neither the selection committee nor the Board will consider the author's long-term contributions to the field or contributions in service, program design, teaching, or improving status for the legal writing field.

The selection committee may recommend, and the Board may give, more than one award for any given year.

Eligible works

To be eligible for this year's award, an article or book must have been published in its final form in 2018 and must be nominated through the process described below. Textbooks and similar instructional materials are not eligible.

The publication year assigned by the publisher determines eligibility, regardless of whether the work is actually available in that year. However, if the final form of the work is not actually available to the public in the year of its official publication date, and if, as a result, the selection committee lacks time to consider the work before making the award(s) for that year, the selection committee may evaluate the work for an award in the following year, despite the official publication year.

Examples:

1. A draft of an article is posted on SSRN in October 2017 and the final form of the article is published in print by a law review. The law review's issue is dated February 2018. The article is eligible for consideration for an award for works published in 2018.

2. A law review has a “Fall 2018” issue, but the law review is running behind and does not actually publish that issue, either in print or online, until March 2019. In this instance, the article is eligible for either an award for works published in 2018 or an award for works published in 2019, but not both. If time permits, the selection committee will consider the article for an award for 2018 publications. If time does not so permit, the committee will roll it over and consider it next year for an award for 2019 publications, despite its official publication date.

Eligible authors

Any person, except a member of the current selection committee, is eligible to win the award. The author’s faculty status, level of experience, or area(s) of teaching will not be considered. Members of the current selection committee are Mary Beth Beazley, Sha-Shana Crichton, Linda Edwards, Lisa Eichhorn, Elizabeth Fajans, and Lucy Jewel.

Nomination Deadline and Process

For works published in 2018, the **nomination deadline is March 31, 2019**. Please email nominations to eichhorn@law.sc.edu.

Nominations must be in writing, must briefly summarize the reasons for the nomination, must provide a copy of or link to the nominated work, and must be received by the deadline above. **The selection committee will not accept nominations by the author of the nominated work** or by any member of the selection committee.

The LWI Board plans to announce the Phelps Award winner(s) by July 2018.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Eichhorn, chair of the selection committee, at eichhorn@law.sc.edu.