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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Teresa Godwin Phelps Scholarship Award for Works Published in 2023

#### 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 whether it makes an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the discipline. Neither the 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 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 must have been published in its final form in 2023 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 was posted on SSRN in October 2022 and the final form of the article was published in print by a law review in 2023. The article is eligible for consideration for an award for works published in 2023.
2. A law review has a "Fall 2023" issue, but the law review is running behind and does not actually publish that issue, either in print or online, until March 2024. In this instance,

the article is eligible for either an award for works published in 2023 or an award for works published in 2024, but not both. If time permits, the selection committee will consider the article for an award for 2023 publications. If time does not permit, the committee will roll it over and consider it next year for an award for 2024 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 Sue Chesler, Karen Sneddon, Helena Whelan-Bridge, Christine Venter, and Robert Anderson

### **Nomination Deadline and Process**

The **nomination deadline is April 18, 2024**. Please email nominations to Christine Venter at [cventer@nd.edu](mailto:cventer@nd.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. **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) in July 2024 at LWI.

**Questions?** Please contact Christine Venter, chair of the selection committee, at [cventer@nd.edu](mailto:cventer@nd.edu)