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## 2018–2019 FLP Dissertation Writing Contest Guidelines

### General Guidelines

- 1. Eligibility.** The Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity (FLP) is sponsoring a dissertation/legal writing contest together with the **Ayala Group** and in cooperation with the **Philippine Association of Law Schools**. The contest is open to third year and fourth year law students and those taking masters of law. Only one (1) entry per student is allowed. Each entry must be a thesis/dissertation (or its equivalent in law schools not offering the Juris Doctor program) that espouses the philosophy of liberty and prosperity under the rule of law. An entry must have gone through the process of a thesis/dissertation or a procedure similar thereto and that it is of thesis/dissertation type and quality. FLP officers, staff and their relatives up to the third degree of consanguinity or affinity are not eligible to join.
- 2. Subject Matter.** Entries must be written in English and must concern the philosophy of the Foundation, expanding on and espousing the precept: *protection of liberty and nurturing of prosperity under the rule of law*, as it relates to practical applications on various aspects of legal theory and practice.

Law schools may develop a Liberty and Prosperity focus within the legal area where they have subject matter domain and expertise, e.g., human rights, indigenous peoples' rights
- 3. Authorship.** An entry must be certified by the author/s on the entry form to be his/her/their original and sole work. In case an entry has been previously accepted for publication, the author must be free to execute the assignment of copyright included in the official entry form and must likewise certify that he/she has permission to submit the same or similar work to the FLP Dissertation Contest.

Some law schools allow students to submit a collective dissertation to fulfill JD requirements. FLP will allow these collaborative dissertations to be considered for the contest.
- 4. Qualifying Entries and the Short List.** Initially, up to twenty (20) qualifying entries will be chosen by the FLP Dissertation Contest Committee from all entries submitted. Thereafter, a short list of up to ten (10) entries will be submitted by the FLP Panel of Judges from the twenty (20) qualifying entries. The authors on the shortlist will then each submit a new entry, still subject to these guidelines, either expanding on their respective entries originally submitted or covering a completely new subject.
- 5. Judging and Winning Entries.** The FLP Panel of Judges will choose up to five (5) recipients of the primary awards (first, second and honorary mentions) from the aforementioned new entries submitted by the ten (10) authors on the short list. The winning entries shall be affirmed by FLP whose decision shall be final.
- 6. Judging Standards.** Entries will be judged on the following factors: (1) the choice of subject matter, as measured by its significance, relevance, and timeliness; (2) the amount of work and effort, as measured by the entry's comprehensiveness and analysis; (3) the quality of the legal analysis, as measured by its innovativeness, objectivity, depth, exposition and coherence; and (4) the writing quality, as measured by clarity of expression, brevity, and literary construction.
- 7. Monetary Awards and Plaques.** Monetary awards are as follows: PhP 300,000.00 to the first-place winner, PhP 200,000.00 to the second-place winner, and PhP100,000.00 each to three (3) honorary mentions. These winners will also receive commemorative plaques. The twenty (20) qualifying entries chosen by the FLP Dissertation Contest Committee will each receive PhP20,000.00. Prizes will not be awarded if FLP determines that no entry meets the appropriate standards. The awards for the dissertation contest are provided by generous donors. The Foundation, its officers and staff are not liable if the donors fail to provide the monetary award.
- 8. Copyright and Publication.** FLP shall own the copyright of all winning entries. Winning entries will be made available for publication in the FLP Newsletter as well as other present and future publications of the Foundation. In case the winning entry is also submitted as part of the student's academic requirements, FLP is amenable to co-ownership of the copyright for said entry with the concerned law school. Entrants are expected to notify FLP at the time of the submission of the entry form of any prior acceptance by another publication or submission as academic requirement. FLP shall allow publication of the winning entries in the respective law school journals of the authors provided that proper attribution is made.
- 9. Deadline for Submission of Entries.** Entries for the first round must be submitted to FLP **on or before 5 p.m. of January 31, 2019 (Thursday), while the new entries of the ten (10) authors on the shortlist must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. of February 28, 2019 (Thursday)**. Six (6) hard copies of the entries together with one copy of the duly completed official Entry Form must be mailed or hand delivered to: Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity, 3rd Floor, PCCI Corporate Centre, 118 L.P. Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City. In addition, they must be transmitted electronically in MS Word and PDF to [secretariat@libpros.com](mailto:secretariat@libpros.com). A new entry form must be accomplished by the ten (10) shortlisted authors for their new entries and submitted together with their respective new entries. FLP reserves the right to reject any entry at its discretion.
- 10. Revisions.** FLP reserves the right to update and revise the guidelines for the dissertation contest which shall be announced on its website: [www.libpros.com](http://www.libpros.com)

## Writing Guidelines

### I. Substance

- **Choice of Subject.** Item 2 of the General Guidelines allows for a broad range of topics, provided it is one that adds to the growing body of work on the philosophy of FLP and locates it in the legal landscape of Philippine law and jurisprudence thus giving its tenets practical application. Topics may cover social justice, socio economic rights, economic development and poverty alleviation and may take up specific subjects like empowerment of the poor and marginalized, promotion of entrepreneurship, free trade and investments as well as professional integration.

Innovative subjects are encouraged within the bounds of reason and logic, and guided by what has so far been written and laid down about the philosophy. Entrants are encouraged to refer to the writings and speeches of Retired Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban on the philosophy of the FLP (<https://libpros.com/cj-panganibans-speeches-on-liberty-and-prosperity>, particularly this specific resource: <https://cjpanganiban.com/2015/02/26/unleashing-entrepreneurial-ingenuity>) as well as the essays of previous FLP scholars which are available online via the Foundation's website.

- **Quality.** Entries should be of thesis or dissertation type and quality.
- **Attribution.** The entries must not parallel its sources too closely in form or content, and direct quotations must always be shown as such. Quoting from the writings of others is permissible, provided due attribution is given. In the case of the ten (10) new entries for the primary awards, use of ideas from the twenty (20) qualifying entries is allowed provided that due attribution is given as well. FLP takes a strong position against plagiarism and will take the necessary action against it.
- **Legal Analysis.** The author's thesis as well as the arguments to support it must be clearly and logically presented. Entries must justify their conclusions with sound reasoning and pertinent authorities.

### II. Form

- **Format.** Entries must be written in single space with a 1 ½ space between paragraphs, using Book Antiqua, Times New Roman or Garamond font style, of 14-size font, and on an 11-inch by 8.5-inch white bond paper with the following margins: left hand margin of 1.5 inches from the edge; an upper margin of 1.2 inches from the edge; a right hand margin of 1.0 inch from the edge; and a lower margin of 1.0 inch from the edge. (See A.M. No. 11-9-4-SC on Efficient Use of Paper Rule issued by the Supreme Court on November 13, 2012.) Entries must be stapled or

secured by a ¾ inch width binder clip/double clip, not placed in a binder or hole-punched.

- **Organization.** Entries must be organized and presented in a logical and orderly manner. Only footnotes are acceptable and entries must follow the *Philippine Manual of Legal Citations* by Professor Myrna S. Feliciano and/or *Legal Research and Legal Citation* by Milagros Santos-Ong (both based on *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* by the Harvard Law Review). Legal scholarship is characterized by extensive documentation and entries must support their propositions with authority duly reflected in the footnotes. Footnotes should be in 10 point font size and must follow the font type used in the body of the entry.
- **Abstract.** Entries must have a table of contents and headings for quick reference as well as a detailed outline to facilitate review. **Entries should also have an abstract of not more than 500 words.**
- **Writing Style.**
  - **Simple.** A simple writing style is encouraged. Avoid long sentences and lengthy paragraphs whenever possible. Simplicity in form should not limit depth in substance.
  - **Clear.** The entries must be clear and coherent, pursuing specific lines of reasoning towards a well-developed conclusion.
  - **Brief.** Brevity is encouraged, but it should not compromise substance. A well-written entry should include all points necessary to full treatment of the proposition being presented or subject matter chosen. Minimum number of words: 10,000; maximum number of words: 15,000, including footnotes.

#### For further information:

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