

INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION 8TH ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION*

The National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) was founded in 1970 to promote the study of federal Indian law, tribal law and traditional forms of governance, in addition to providing support to Native Americans in law school and to expose the general public to issues faced by Native Americans and tribal governments. You can learn more about NNALSA by visiting www.nationalnalsa.org.

NNALSA established the Annual Writing Competition in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging scholarship on topics of national or international importance to Indians, tribal governments, and indigenous people. Recognition and prizes are awarded for the first, second, and third place winners. NNALSA announced the winners of the 8th Annual Writing Competition at its Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM on April 1, 2009. Details are available on the national website. NNALSA and the University of Arizona College of Law NALSA Chapter would like to thank this year's prize sponsors, judges and competitors. The prize sponsors are as follows: First place - Holland & Knight LLP; Second place – Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP; Third place – Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. This year's judges were: Barbara Atwood, Raymond Austin, Ethel Branch, Berthenia Crocker, Gabriel Galanda, Wizipan Garriott, Vanya Hogan, Charlene Jackson, Shannon Keller-O'Loughlin, Travis Nabahe, Ezra Rosser, Justin Ruggieri, Wilda Wahpepah, Sarah Wheelock, and Robert Williams.

* This year, the University of Arizona College of Law NALSA Chapter hosted the 2009 NNALSA Annual Writing Competition. In conjunction with this partnership, The *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* (AJICL) agreed to publish the 2009 winning article. AJICL's commitment was limited to the publication of this article, and AJICL did not have authority in creating the selection process or administering the competition. All inquiries regarding the publication's content, the author, or the competition should be directed to the National NALSA organization at: president@nationalnalsa.org. For reprints of the published piece, please contact the AJICL Editor-in-Chief at ajeic@law.arizona.edu.