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Our aim in this competition has been to showcase the best work produced by the youngest members of the law and society community and to offer students the bonus of a quick publication at a crucial stage in their careers. We received submissions from law students, graduate students in traditional social science programs, and graduate students in hybrid sociolegal studies programs. The papers were read and discussed by the Editors and Associate Editors, with some help from American Bar Foundation colleagues. The public announcement of the prize was made at a well-attended reception at the Law and Society Association meetings. To keep our promise of speedy publication, the work of commenting on the paper and reviewing revisions was done by the *LSI* Editors rather than being farmed out to referees.

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