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# The Notre Dame Law Review Arthur Abel Memorial Competition Writing Award

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Each spring, the *Notre Dame Law Review* accepts entries for the annual Arthur Abel Memorial Writing Competition. Arthur Haig Abel of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, was a 1985 graduate of the Law School, serving on both the *Notre Dame Law Review* and the *Journal of Legislation*. After several years in private practice, Arthur served as Assistant General Counsel for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. A tireless attorney with a keen intellect and a wonderful sense of humor, Arthur achieved much success in a short time. Tragically, Arthur's life was cut short at the age of thirty-six.

Through a generous gift from his family, the *Law Review* has established a writing competition dedicated to the lasting memory of Arthur Abel. The winner will be awarded a modest cash prize, receive recognition at graduation, and have his or her name engraved on a plaque displayed in the Law School. The winning entry will also be considered for publication in the following volume of the *Notre Dame Law Review* at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief.

## Recipients

1999 – Isaac Ruiz,  
Note, *Swidler & Berlin v. United States: Ye Shall Know the Truth If the Truth Shall Set Ye Free*, [74 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1403 \(1999\)](#).

2000 – Brian Joseph Murray,  
Note, *Protesters, Extortion, and Coercion: Preventing RICO from Chilling First Amendment Freedoms*, [75 Notre Dame L. Rev. 691 \(1999\)](#).

2001 – Jason M. Osborn,  
Note, *Effective and Complementary Solutions to Domain Name Disputes: Ican's Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy and the Federal Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act of 1999*, [76 Notre Dame L. Rev. 269 \(2000\)](#).

2002 – Leon F. DeJulis Jr.

2003 – Keith E. Eastland,  
Note, *Environmental Justice and the Spending Power: Limits on Using Title VI and 1983*, [77 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1601 \(2002\)](#).

2004 – Adam Barrett Townshend,  
Note, *Crashing by Design: Toward a Uniform Standard for Public Place Analysis under Federal Copyright Law*, [79 Notre Dame L. Rev. 2045 \(2004\)](#).

2005 – Diane Hellwig,  
Note, *Exposing the Loansharks in Sheep's Clothing: Why Re-Regulating the Consumer Credit Market Makes Economic Sense*, [80 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1567 \(2005\)](#).

2006 – Anthony J. Enright,  
Note, *The Originalist's Dilemma: Katz and the New Approach to the State Sovereign Immunity Defense*, [81 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1553 \(2006\)](#).

2007 – Andrew Soukup,  
Note, *Reformulating Church Autonomy: How Employment Division v. Smith Provides a Framework for Fixing the Neutral Principles Approach*, [82 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1679 \(2013\)](#).

2008 – Kendall W. Hannon,  
Note, *Much Ado about Twombly? A Study on the Impact of Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly on 12(b)(6) Motions*, [83 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1811 \(2008\)](#).

2009 – Julie Marie Blake

2010 – Amelia G. Yowell,  
Note, *Race to Judgment? An Empirical Study of Scott v. Harris and Summary Judgment*, [85 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1759 \(2010\)](#).

2011 – Michael A. Fragoso,  
Note, *Taking Conscience Seriously or Seriously Taking Conscience?: Obstetricians, Specialty Boards, and the Takings Clause*, [86 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1687 \(2011\)](#).

2012 – Christopher R. Wray,  
Note, *On the Road Again: The D.C. Circuit Reinvigorates the Work-Product Doctrine in United States v. Deloitte & Touche*, [87 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1797 \(2013\)](#).

2013 – Sean Francis Hilson

2014 – Jon Gregory Heintz,  
Note, *Sustained Dissent and the Extended Deliberative Process*, [88 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1939 \(2013\)](#).

2015 – Michael C. Minahan,  
Note, *Copyright Protection for Tattoos: Are Tattoos Copies?*, [90 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1713 \(2015\)](#).

2016 – Jeffrey W. Schmidt,  
Note, *Authorized Personnel Only: The Patent Exhaustion Doctrine After Helferich*, [91 Notre Dame L. Rev. 2115 \(2016\)](#).

2017 – Riley T. Svikhart,  
Note, *"Major Questions" as Major Opportunities*, [92 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1873 \(2017\)](#).

2018 – Michael G. Kubik,  
Note, *Rejecting the De Minimis Defense to Infringement of Sound Recording Copyrights*, [93 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1699 \(2018\)](#).

2019 – Matthew J. Razzano,  
Note, *Comcast-NBCU, Netflix, and the FCC: The Dual Merger Review Process as a House of Cards*, [94 Notre Dame L. Rev. Online 63 \(2019\)](#).

2020 – Zachary B. Pohlman,  
Note, *Stare Decisis and the Supreme Court(s): What States Can Learn from Gamble*, [95 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1731 \(2020\)](#).

2021 – Daniel T. Judge,  
Note, *A Different Kind of Prisoner's Dilemma: The Right to the Free Exercise of Religion for Incarcerated Persons*, [95 Notre Dame L. Rev. 2119 \(2020\)](#).

2022 – Michael Bradley

2023 – Charlie Nugent,  
Note, *State Officers and the Enforcement of Federal Law*, [99 Notre Dame L. Rev. 761 \(2024\)](#).

2024 – Jack (John Paul) Ferguson,  
Note, *Severability and Standing Puzzles in the Law of Removal Power*, [98 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1731 \(2023\)](#).