

**FINEST LAW SCHOOL WRITERS SELECTED BY THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM**

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# BURTON AWARDS

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**New York, New York:** The finest law school writers of 2025 have been selected by the Burton Awards, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress, presented by lead sponsor Law360, and co-sponsored by the American Bar Association and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

The fifteen authors will be presented the “Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards” on May 19, 2025. They were chosen from the nominations submitted by the nation’s top law schools. William Burton, Founder and Chair of the awards program, said “The winners are truly exceptional writers. They exceeded our greatest expectations, and we congratulate all of them for receiving the honor.”

The Academic Board, which reviewed articles published within the past year, was led by Virginia Wise, Chair, formerly of Harvard Law School; Kristen K. Tiscione, Georgetown Law Center; Lindsay Sturges Saffouri, UC Berkeley School of Law; William C. Burton, Founder and Chair of the event; and William Ryan, Director of Communications, Library of Congress.

The awards program will be celebrating its Twenty-Sixth Anniversary at the Library of Congress. The awards ceremony, featuring former anchor of ABC’s Nightline, Ted Koppel as the Master of Ceremonies. The awards ceremony will be followed by a pre-dinner reception, gala, and performance by 16-time Grammy Award-winner David Foster and Broadway star, Katharine McPhee.

The following law school authors are Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award Winners:

LAW SCHOOL	AUTHOR	ARTICLE TITLE
Brooklyn Law School	Alexandra Mallory	Closing Down Access to Asylum: The Illegal Migration Act's Incompatibility with International Refugee Law
BYU Law School	Elyse Slabaugh	Dignity, Deference, and Discrimination: An Analysis of Religious Freedom in America's Prisons
Case Western Reserve University School of Law	Anna Glavaš	Challenging the Constitutionality of Anti-

		Immigrant State Legislation: A Two-Prong Approach
Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology	Ryan Martin	The Sincere Parody: An Analysis of the Copyright Implications of an Emerging Trend in Commercial Musical Theatre
City University of New York School of Law	Paulina Leyva Hernandez and Salimah Khoja	Between a River and a Wall: An Impossible Choice for Migrants Living Under Operation Lone Star and S.B. 4*
Columbia Law School	Andrew Straky	The Brief Life and Enduring Promise of Civil Rights Removal
Duke Law School	Ken Krmoyan	Immigration Incentives In FCPA Enforcement: The Case For Protecting At-Risk Foreign Whistleblowers
Emory University School of Law	Josh Blackman	Playing Fair, Paying Fair: A Comprehensive Federal Scheme for the Regulation of Collectives and the Student-Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Market
Fordham Law School	Amy Walker	An Apt Analogy?: Rethinking the Role of Judicial Deference to the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Post-Kisor
Pepperdine Caruso Law	Jake S. Neill	Who Let the Ghouls Out? The History and Tradition Test's Embrace of Neutrality and Pluralism in Establishment Cases
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University	Isabella Santos	Bright Young Minds: Envisioning a Child's Right to Direct Their Education
University of Alabama School of Law	Annabelle Granholm	Earning by Performing: Placing a Performative Citizenship Lens on the Earned Citizenship Regime
University of Miami School of Law	Elizabeth Hendrickson	The "Amateur" Division I Athlete Is Becoming a Thing of the Past, so Now What?: Addressing the Action Needed to Preserve Amateurism in College Sports

University of South Carolina Rice School of Law	William Rees	Enhancing Law Enforcement or Compromising Privacy? The Problem with South Carolina's Use of Automatic License Plate Readers
Washington University School of Law	Laurny Masters	Confounding Interests: Next- Best Alternatives to the Unattainable Notion of Complete Fairness in Cy-Pres- Only Class Action Settlements

## THE BURTON AWARDS

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## **WILLIAM C. BURTON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN**

William C. Burton is a partner at Sagat|Burton LLP, New York. He is the Founder and Chairman of the Burton Awards Program. He is also the Founder and Chair of the Burton Foundation for Legal Achievement, which funds the program. He has served as a New York State Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant New York State Special Prosecutor. For fifteen years, he was the Director of Government Affairs for Continental Insurance, then one of the largest international insurance companies. He is the author of “Burton’s Legal Thesaurus,” the first and only reference book of its kind written for the legal profession. The book is now in its sixth edition. When it was published forty-one years ago, Mr. Burton was given a prestigious award by the Association of American Publishers which declared the book “One of the most Creative and Innovate Projects of the Year.”

In 1999, Mr. Burton created the Burton Foundation and established the non-profit Burton Awards Program with the initial goal of encouraging clear and comprehensive legal writing and rewarding other monumental achievements in law.

In 2010, Mr. Burton was awarded the prestigious Golden Pen Award by the Legal Writing Institute, the second largest organization of law professors in the United States with 3,000 members. The honor was given for his advocacy and impact on legal writing. Later in 2011, he was presented the “Blackstone Award” by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress for embodying and promoting the best ideals of the venerable institution.

He was a Legal Reform Award recipient from the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform in the fall of 2017. In 2022, Mr. Burton was selected as a member of the Hofstra Law School Hall of Fame. The Law School selected its top 50 graduates on celebrating its 50th Anniversary. He is also the recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Legal Writers comprised of more than 2,700 jurists, professors and practitioners. The award was previously presented to U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Paul Stevens, and Stephen Breyer, and other prominent award winners. In 2024, he received the ABA Presidential Citation for his visionary leadership and contributions to the legal profession and society at large.