May 10, 2021

Dean, Southern Illinois University Law School
Douglas Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Dean:

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. will host The Sovereignty Symposium XXXIII, on October 11-12, 2021, at Oklahoma City’s Skirvin Hotel. The Symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Past keynote speakers have included Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, Supreme Court of Canada, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, House of Lords, Judge Robert Henry of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and Attorney General Janet Reno. This year’s keynote speakers will be Harvey Pratt, Designer of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian National Native American Veterans Memorial, Dr. Bob Blackburn of the Oklahoma Historical Society and Congressman Tom Cole.

Each year we invite students to submit papers to the Chief Justice John B. Doolin writing competition. The three winning papers are published in the annual Symposium book of materials on Indian Law. Cash prizes of $1000, $750.00 and $500.00, are awarded. The Symposium also awards the Hargrave Prize of $1,500, $1,000 and $750.00 for the best three original and previously unpublished papers submitted by faculty or other legal scholars. This year we have added the Hager Prize, for writings on Native American Children’s issues and the ICWA. Information on all three competitions is enclosed.

The theme of the Thirty-Third Sovereignty Symposium is “After McGirt?” If you have any questions you may contact me at (405) 556-9364 or sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net. I appreciate your efforts in seeing that your students are advised of the scholarships and the writing competitions.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Kauger
Justice

Enclosure
WRITING COMPETITIONS
THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXIII

The Sovereignty Symposium XXXIII – 2021 will be held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 11-12, 2021. We invite papers on any issue concerning Native American law.

DOOLIN PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, GRADUATE STUDENTS, LAW STUDENTS AND GRADUATE LAW STUDENTS

This competition is open to any student enrolled in an accredited college, in a graduate or undergraduate program. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of $1,000, $750 and $500.00 will be awarded. The winning entry will be published in the 2021 Symposium book. Second and third place entries will be published if space permits.

HARGRAVE PRIZE FOR WRITINGS BY THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM FACULTY

Cash awards will be given in the amounts of $1,500, $1,000 and $750.00 for the best three original and previously unpublished papers included in the Symposium publication.

HAGER PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, GRADUATE STUDENTS, LAW STUDENTS AND GRADUATE LAW STUDENTS

The Hager Prize of $1,000 will be awarded for the best writing on the ICWA or any legal issue concerning Native American juveniles. The winning entry will also be published in the 2021 Symposium book.
REQUIREMENTS

The entries in the writing competitions must not be more than fifty (50) single-spaced pages in length. The paper used shall be 8-1/2” x 11” in size. The title of the paper, the name of the author and a current mailing address and telephone number must be placed on a cover page. Only the title of the paper should appear at the top of the first page of the text. The author’s name should appear on the cover page only. Papers must be submitted in Word or Word Perfect format. E-mail the formatted version to kyle.shifflett@oscn.net. Use a 12-point font in Times New Roman format. Again, the document should be single spaced. The left and right margins must be 2”; the top and bottom margins must be 1.5”.

ALL PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 BY EMAIL TO: KYLE.SHIFFLET@OSCN.NET.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371.