



SAAAACF SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND WRITING COMPETITION

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund (SAAAACF) have forged a new partnership to host a writing competition with the goal of supporting new legal scholarship that seeks to remedy and shed light on the challenges our community is facing today. This competition is in support of SAAAACF and San Antonio Area Foundation Social Justice Fund initiatives.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund's mission is to:

“Promote and advocate for financial philanthropy to enhance the quality of living of the African American community in the San Antonio Area”.

We are so grateful to the SAAAACF for their partnership and for pledging student stipend awards for the first, second, and third place submissions!

- 1st place will be awarded \$1,500.00
- 2nd place will be awarded \$750.00
- 3rd place will be awarded \$500.00

The Scholar and the SAAAACF are seeking submissions that are:

- double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt font, and ideally make use of headings;
- responsive to the missions of the organizations;
- submitted by a St. Mary's law student
- have a specific argument that is supported through use of footnotes;
- about 10-15 pages in length including footnotes;
- written in topic areas such as qualified immunity, excessive force, racial discrimination, threats against voting rights, and issues with bail.
- Examples of specific topics include:
 - o Overcoming qualified immunity in excessive force cases
 - o Enforcing voting rights after *Shelby County v. Holder*
 - o Bail reform in Bexar County and what systems would serve us better

Timeline

- Writing Competition opens March 23, 2021
- Submissions should be emailed in a Word document to thescholarlr@gmail.com with the subject line “Competition Submission”. In the body of the email please include your full name and year in law school.
- Last day to submit is April 15th at 11:59 p.m.
- Winners will be announced in early May.
- Award ceremony is TBD.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!