

**Rhode Island Bar Journal**  
**Lauren E. Jones, Esq. Writing Award Criteria**

All articles, authored by Rhode Island Bar Association members, published in the volume publication year (July – June) are eligible for consideration.

1. The award name is: *Rhode Island Bar Journal Lauren E. Jones, Esq. Writing Award.*
2. Judging guidelines:
  - A. Presentation:
    - (i) clarity (easy to read and understand)
    - (ii) grammar
    - (iii) organization
    - (iv) need for editorial revisions
  - B. Information content:
    - (i) imparts knowledge
    - (ii) is of interest
  - C. Legal significance:
    - (i) the substance of the article provides useful information for the practice of law
    - (ii) the substance of the article provides the reader with a better understanding of an important legal issue
    - (iii) timeliness (article either fits with the theme of the Journal issue and/or runs concurrently with current legal issues)
  - D. Accuracy and depth of research and information provided
3. A copy of the criteria and accompanying statement shall be given to each person submitting an article for publication.
4. The Rhode Island Bar Journal Editorial Board shall give each person submitting an article an opportunity to rewrite the article when there is a need for major editorial changes. No article shall be considered if major/substantial editorial changes have been made by the editor(s)
5. Awards shall be limited to members of the Rhode Island Bar.
6. Members of the Rhode Island Bar Journal Editorial Board, with the exclusion of the editor(s), shall be allowed to be eligible to receive an award.
7. The award shall not be given to the same person in two consecutive years.
8. Articles, which have been published previously, shall not be eligible for consideration. Any article substantially revised, even if published in some other form, any article written for another purpose or simultaneously submitted for another purpose shall be eligible for consideration.

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9. A committee shall judge the articles. The Committee shall be comprised of the following:
  - a. the previous year's winner
  - b. the editor(s) of the Rhode Island Bar Journal
  - c. a person selected by the Rhode Island Bar Editorial Board who is not a member of the Editorial Board and who has not submitted an article to the Rhode Island Bar Journal for the current year.
  - d. an alternate – a member of the Rhode Island Bar Journal Editorial Board who has not submitted an article to the Rhode Island Bar Journal for the current year.
  - e. the decision of the award committee shall be final
  
10. The editor shall provide the committee with an overview as to the extent to which editorial changes were required (e.g. were there substantial changes made by the editors or at the request of the editors)
  
11. Only one award shall be given with the exception that, in special cases, the committee may award a second place award or an honorable mention.
  
12. The Rhode Island Bar Journal Editorial Board shall be encouraged to give certificates of recognition, at its discretion, to address special contributions to the Rhode Island Bar Journal.

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