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## **Student writing competition encourages in-depth exam of current legal issues in food law, regulation, security**

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan State University Institute for Food Laws & Regulations and the Global Food Law Master’s Program at the MSU College of Law are co-sponsoring a writing competition that will address current legal issues in food, food regulation, food security and related areas in order to promote scholarship in food law and regulation.

Entries must be an original, currently unpublished work by a single author and are limited to students currently enrolled in a food regulation, food science, juris doctor or LLM degree program, or those who have graduated within the past year.

Entries should provide an in-depth analysis of a current food law or regulation issue, should be no more than 15,000 words and include a proper legal citation format, e.g., *Bluebook* format. Some examples of suitable topics are:

- Regulation of current and future food safety issues
- International harmonization of food regulations
- Regulation for food defense and terrorism
- Food Safety and Modernization Act issues
- Food labeling law
- The regulation of food biotechnology

Entries will be judged by a panel of attorneys, professors and other experts with relevant food law and regulation expertise. Judges will consider the originality and difficulty of the topic; the quality and completeness of the analysis and conclusions; the quality and thoroughness of evaluation of the judicial precedents, statutes and regulations; the form of the article, including readability, organization and conciseness; and the form and quality of the citations.

The first prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$500. Winning articles will be posted on the Global Food Law website.

Questions about eligibility should be sent to [foodlawwritingcompetition@law.msu.edu](mailto:foodlawwritingcompetition@law.msu.edu) with “Food Law Competition” in the subject line. All entries must be submitted by Feb. 28, 2017, to be considered.

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**About the MSU Global Food Law program:** Attorneys and those with a J.D. from an American institution enroll in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program. Those without a prior law degree, such as food industry professionals, enroll in the Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) program. LL.M. and M.J. students study together, making for lively multidisciplinary discussion. Students complete the program in about three years if they take one course per semester and study year-round. The program is entirely online so students need not take a leave of absence from work or relocate to pursue their master’s degree. Learn more at [globalfood.law.msu.edu](http://globalfood.law.msu.edu).

