

CIAJ's Three-Minute Video Contest

Law Students Are Invited to Share Their Thoughts on a Key Issue

In 2021, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) will host its [46th Annual Conference](#) in Halifax on “**The Right to Dignity in Canadian Law: From the Cradle to the Grave.**” CIAJ wishes to hear the voices of law students on the subject that will continue to grow in importance in Canadian law.

Students are invited to submit a three-minute video to answer one the following questions:

- *What will be the most important legal issue for the next generation regarding the right to dignity in Canada?*
- *What challenges will the next generation of Canadians face that will require development of the right to dignity in Canada?*
- *What is the importance and the role of the right to dignity during crisis events that test Canadian legal orders and democratic institutions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic?*

Participants must present their argument to the camera in the style of the “Three Minute Thesis Competition.” The strongest videos will be presented at CIAJ’s [2020 Annual Conference](#) in Vancouver October 21-23, 2020. They will also be presented at CIAJ’s [2021 Annual Conference](#) in Halifax, where the winning video will be incorporated into the Student Panel.

Eligibility

The video contest is open to students registered in an undergraduate or graduate law degree from a Canadian faculty of law.

Guidelines

The student should firstly provide a clear answer to the question above. Secondly, the student should defend their position, arguing the reasons why their chosen issue is of paramount importance. Those who present in an Indigenous language should provide a written transcript of their presentation in either English or French. Creativity and originality are encouraged.

Selection Criteria

- Addresses question critically
- Communicates position clearly
- Presents and develops a compelling argument
- Demonstrates depth of research

Format

- Presentations must be 2–3 minutes in length
- Video must be filmed in one take
- Students are limited to the use of one static visual aid. (Power Point slide, Prezi, cardboard, etc.) Students can incorporate the visual aid however they so choose.

Application Process and Deadline

- Send your video to maria.aylward@ciaj-icaj.ca via WeTransfer (<https://www.wetransfer.com>). Include your name, the name of your University and contact information in the email
- Submit your video by **May 29, 2020**.

Each student grants CIAJ the right to use the video submission in any way, for any purposes related to CIAJ's mandate. The student retains moral rights in the video entry. If CIAJ deems that an insufficient quantity or quality of entries has been received, CIAJ reserves the right not to choose a winner.

About CIAJ and the Student Section

CIAJ promotes excellence and leadership in the administration of justice through knowledge, learning and the exchange of ideas. Since its inception in 1974, the CIAJ has kept a critical eye on our justice system and explored cutting-edge issues likely to improve the administration of justice and preserve a strong and independent judiciary.

CIAJ provides law students with various tools and projects through its [Student Section](#). In addition to building bridges between students across Canada, the Section is an exclusive learning platform, offering numerous opportunities for students to network and collaborate with key players in the Canadian legal arena.

More information on CIAJ's mandate can be found on our website www.ciaj-icaj.ca