

LEX 2017 Scholarship Essay Question

Student's wishing to apply for the LEX Scholarship must complete an essay of 500 to 750 words, which addresses the following:

*Recently, the American Bar Association Commission on the Future of Legal Services in America released a report dedicated in part to “all who seek innovative answers to enhancing access to, and the delivery of, legal services.” This report recognizes that, despite sustained efforts to expand the public's access to legal services, significant unmet needs persist; among other recommendations, the report urges consideration of regulatory innovations in the area of legal services delivery. With the advent of this report, the arrival of Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLTs), and the general increase in access to justice initiatives across the country, the question of whether **paralegals should be licensed or regulated in a formal way by each state** is a timely question. Please write an essay about whether paralegals should be formally licensed or regulated on the state level; remember that you should assess the pros and cons of regulation for all relevant constituencies (the public, the legal profession, and paralegals). Also remember that your essay should take the form of an advocacy position grounded in authority including statutes and relevant legal analyses, and not be based only on personal opinion grounded in emotion. Citation to relevant authority -- both primary and secondary -- is critical.*

Essays should be 500 to 750 words (two to three doubled spaced typed pages), and should be written with standard margins and type size; applicants should be aware going over the maximum page and word limits may result in point deductions.