



## Civil Justice Scholarship Award

**Honoring scholars whose work supports the American civil justice system and trial by jury in American courts**

### Criteria

#### Overview

The National Civil Justice Institute (formerly Pound Civil Justice Institute) will make its Civil Justice Scholarship Award annually, as possible, to recognize current scholarly legal research and writing focused on topics in civil justice, including access to and the benefits of the U.S. civil justice system, as well as the right to trial by jury in civil cases.

#### Criteria

1. Nominated scholars must be full-time law professors at ABA-accredited law schools. If a written work has multiple authors, at least one of the authors must be a full-time professor as stipulated above.
2. A written work nominated for the award must be a single substantial book published by a university or legal press, or a single substantial article published either by the law review or law journal of an ABA-accredited law school or by a peer-reviewed journal that is significantly law-related. Chapters of books are ineligible. Articles must have been published within three years prior to the nomination deadline. Books must have been published within five years prior to the nomination deadline. Each year in which there are sufficient nominations of high quality, the Institute will select as recipient(s) one article and one book, or two articles.
3. The written work must provide legal research, public policy analysis, or advocacy that shows the benefits of the American civil justice system and/or trial by jury in American courts.
4. Self-nominations are acceptable; law school deans may make one (1) nomination for each category (book and article) for scholars from their school.
5. The award may be made jointly to more than one author of a single publication.

- a. In this circumstance, the awarded honorarium will be divided equally among multiple authors.
  - b. In this circumstance, all recognized authors will be brought to the NCI reception for the award presentation.
6. Works that were funded by the AAJ-Habush Endowment are ineligible.
  7. Works authored by relatives of NCJI or AAJ-Habush Endowment board members are ineligible.

### **Award**

The award will consist of a \$7,000 cash honorarium for a book and a \$3,000 cash honorarium for an article (totals to be shared if a work has multiple authors), plus round-trip coach travel and hotel accommodations for each recipient to receive the award at the NCJI Fellows Reception in February 2026 in San Diego, CA. We are grateful for the generous support of the AAJ-Habush Endowment, which funds the honoraria for this award.

### **Nomination Deadline**

Official nomination form and supporting materials must be received by the Institute by Monday, September 8, 2025.

### **Additional Information**

- Nominations should include references for nominated works' citations in court decisions, brief, or other publications.
- Books should be submitted via hard copy (8 copies) or via direct weblink. PDF page proofs are acceptable. Weblinks requiring an access code are not permissible.
- Complete nomination materials shall be submitted via this link:  
<https://ncji.org/civil-justice-scholarship-nomination/>

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