

## **National Institute of Military Justice**

### **Announcing the Annual Kevin J. Barry Writing Competition for 2014**

The National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) is an organization dedicated to the fair administration of military justice and the advancement of public understanding of military law. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. One of the ways in which NIMJ promotes the growing interest in military justice and encourages further study of military legal issues is through awards that recognize excellence in military legal scholarship. These awards advertise to the broader legal community some of the most significant work being done by practitioners, scholars, and students of military justice, military commissions, and the laws of war.

**Kevin J. Barry Award for Excellence in Military Legal Studies.** This award recognizes an outstanding article published in an academic or professional journal, and honors the memory of an outstanding scholar and peerless advocate of reform: Kevin J. Barry, a founder and longtime director of NIMJ. Captain Barry retired from the Coast Guard after 25 years of service that included duty as an operations officer, navigator, trial and defense counsel, staff judge advocate, and trial and appellate judge. As a lawyer, scholar, citizen, and gentleman, Kevin Barry was a model for those who would improve military justice. The award carries a \$250 prize and certificate.

Articles published in an academic journal, law review, or similar forum during 2013 and 2014 are eligible for this year's award [(including articles written and accepted for publication during these two years but which may be actually published after this period)]. This award is intended to recognize scholarship and will be evaluated for "excellence in military legal studies," with the winner selected by a committee of law professors and practitioners, keeping in mind NIMJ's mission to improve public understanding of military justice. If no article is deemed appropriate for the award, the committee may elect not to make an award for that period. If more than one article is deemed worthy of recognition, the committee may honor such articles with honorable mentions. Copies of the winning and honorable articles will be posted on NIMJ's website if permitted by the author.

Interested scholars and practitioners should submit their articles with details of publication, along with the author's name, email, and phone number, to NIMJ at [nimjemail@gmail.com](mailto:nimjemail@gmail.com) no later than midnight on 31 January 2015. NIMJ also welcomes nominations of others' work, with details of publication and contact information for the nominator and the author. Because NIMJ offers a separate writing award oriented to recognize law students (the John S. Jenkins Writing Award), articles written as a law student are not eligible for the Kevin J. Barry Writing Award.

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**John S. Jenkins Award for Student Excellence in Military Legal Studies.** This award will be presented to the best nominated paper written by a law student on a military law topic. It will be awarded to student papers written during the period 15 July 2013 to 15 July 2015. This award honors a leader of the military bar who was a co-founder of NIMJ, was the inaugural chair of its Advisory Board, and was a Director of NIMJ for many years. Rear Admiral John S. Jenkins served in the Navy for 28 years and was The Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He also served as Senior Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs at the George Washington University Law School and a member of the Cox Commission, convened by NIMJ in 2001 to recommend improvements to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This award reflects Rear Admiral Jenkins' deep commitment to both legal education and military justice. The award carries a \$250 prize and certificate. If the winning paper has not been published, NIMJ will assist the student author in finding a suitable publishing opportunity. The paper may also be posted on the NIMJ website with the author's consent.

Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. Papers and/or published articles are eligible for this award if they were written by a candidate for a J.D. degree (that is, by a student who has not yet completed his or her degree) during the period of 15 July 2013 to 15 July 2015. Submissions will be evaluated by a committee of law professors and practitioners based on the criteria of "excellence in writing on military law." If no paper is deemed appropriate for the award, the committee may elect not to make an award. If more than one paper is deemed worthy of recognition, the committee may honor papers with honorable mentions. Interested students or recommending faculty should submit the paper, accompanied with the author's name, phone and email, along with any publication information on the paper, to NIMJ at [nimjemail@gmail.com](mailto:nimjemail@gmail.com) no later than 31 July 2015.