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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 2026
RE: 2026 American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize
Promotional Poster
PRIORITY: Urgent

Enclosed is a poster promoting the **2026 American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize**. The American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize is a writing competition designed to promote scholarship in the areas of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence.

Please display the poster in a prominent location.

Interested authors are asked to submit an original, unpublished essay of 10,000 to 20,000 words on a topic that addresses issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics, and professionalism.

The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize. The prize will be presented during the annual American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2026.

The submission deadline for the 2026 Warren E. Burger Prize is July 1, 2026.

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Rules for the Warren E. Burger Prize writing competition are available on the American Inns of Court website at www.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize.

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