

## INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION\*

The National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) was founded in 1970 to promote the study of federal Indian law, tribal law and traditional forms of governance, in addition to providing support to Native Americans in law school and to expose the general public to issues faced by Native Americans and tribal governments. You can learn more about NNALSA by visiting [www.nationalnalsa.org](http://www.nationalnalsa.org).

NNALSA established its Annual Writing Competition in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging scholarship on topics of national or international importance to Indians, tribal governments, and indigenous people. Details about the Writing Competition are available on the NNALSA website.

For the second consecutive year, NNALSA and the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* have partnered to publish the competition's winning article. This collaboration between NNALSA and the *Journal* is a testament to the *Journal's* continued interest in tribal and indigenous peoples issues. The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law is one of the world's leading institutions for the study of indigenous peoples law and policy and the *Journal* is eager to promote and publish scholarship in these areas through its partnership with NNALSA. The *Journal* thanks NNALSA for the invitation to publish the winning paper again this year and looks forward to future collaboration on such endeavors.



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