



**CALL FOR PAPERS  
FOR THE 2024 LIEBER SOCIETY  
RICHARD R. BAXTER MILITARY WRITING PRIZE**

Since 2007, the Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict, an interest group of the American Society of International Law, has annually recognized a paper that significantly enhances the understanding and implementation of the law of war (also known as international humanitarian law, IHL). The Richard R. Baxter Military Prize is awarded for exceptional writing in English by an active member of the regular or reserve armed forces, civilian employees of an armed force/ Ministry of Defense (or Department of Defense for the United States), or military service veterans, regardless of nationality.

**The Prize.** The winner will receive a certificate confirming that he or she has won the 2024 Lieber Society Richard R. Baxter Military Prize and a one-year membership in the American Society of International Law (ASIL). The judges may also recommend additional persons to receive Lieber Society Richard R. Baxter Military Prize Certificates of Merit.

**Request for Assistance.** Any person receiving this Call for Papers who is aware of exceptional writing that meets the qualifications of this competition is requested to nominate the paper directly to the Lieber Society and forward this Call to the author of that paper.

**Definition of the Law of War/IHL.** For this competition, the Law of War/IHL is that part of international law that regulates the conduct of armed hostilities. Papers may address any aspect of the law of war/IHL, including, but not limited to, the use of force in international law; the conduct of hostilities during international and non-international armed conflicts; protected persons and protected objects; the law of weapons; rules of engagement; treatment of detainees, to include interrogation procedures; and occupation law. Please note that International Human Rights Law (IHRL), International Refugee Law (IRL), International Criminal Law (ICL), and domestic law are distinct from IHL / Law of War. As such, papers that are centered around these bodies of law are generally not eligible unless and except the focus of the paper is related to the intersectionality, complementarity, or other relationship between these bodies of law and IHL/Law of War. *Academic papers that address practical problems confronting members of the armed forces are preferred.*

**Qualifications for Entering the Competition.** Persons submitting papers do not have to be ASIL members. They may be citizens of any nation, but they must

be an active member of the regular or reserve armed forces, civilian employee of an armed force/Ministry of Defense (or Department of Defense for the United States), or military service veterans, regardless of nationality.

**Papers that may be entered.** Papers submitted in this competition must be in English (or translated into English if written in another language). Paper length may not exceed 35 pages if written with single line spacing or 70 pages if written with double line spacing, including footnotes. Paper size must be either 8.5 x 11 or A4, with all margins at least one inch and at least 12-point font. A bibliography is not required. Both papers that have been published and papers that have not been published will be considered for the Baxter Prize. Papers should, however, be clean of any publisher's formatting. The paper should have been written/published no earlier than the year prior to the award year, meaning for the 2024 Baxter Prize, papers should have been written or published in 2023.

**Number/Type of Submissions.** Sole and joint-authored papers are eligible, but every author must meet the eligibility requirements. Authors may submit one (1) sole and one (1) joint-authored paper.

**Redact author information.** To facilitate anonymous judging to the greatest extent possible, please ensure that the author's name and personal identifying information are removed or redacted from the submission. In the email to which the submission is attached please provide the following author information:

- 1) Full name and military rank or rating (former rank for veterans, or civilian equivalent).
- 2) Current e-mail addresses and current telephone number.

If a person other than the author is making the submission, it must also contain the above data for the person submitting the paper.

**Deadline for submitting papers.** Papers for the 2023 competition must be received no later than **12 January 2024**

**Use of email to submit papers.** Electronic submission is required in Adobe format (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). Submissions, as well as any inquiries, should be sent to the Baxter Military Prize Coordinator, Dr. Christopher E. Bailey, at [christopherbailey286@yahoo.com](mailto:christopherbailey286@yahoo.com). The subject line should read "Baxter Prize Submission."

**Acknowledgement of Submissions.** All submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail.

**Announcement of Winner.** The winner and any persons receiving Certificates of Merit will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law in Washington, DC, April 3-6, 2024.

**Disclaimer.** This announcement is being sent for information purposes to notify personnel of events of common interest sponsored by a non-federal entity. This announcement does not constitute an endorsement of the Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict or the American Society of International Law. Participation is completely voluntary.