

The MDTC Quarterly Annual Best Article Award



The MDTC is excited to announce its annual Best Article Award! Starting with volume 38, the MDTC will select an article from each volume of Michigan Defense Quarterly to recognize as the best.

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Submissions

The Quarterly is organized by volume. There are four issues in each volume, typically published in June, October, January, and April. Each issue is generally comprised of articles and reports. Only articles will qualify for consideration. One article from each volume of the Quarterly will be selected for the Best Article Award.

Selection

In May each year, the editor and associate editors will select the three finalists from the four issues in the prior volume. If the editor or an associate editor wrote an article that was published in those issues, they are excluded from participating in the selection.

Once the editors have selected three articles, they are sent to three current Michigan judges who select the Best Article Award recipient. The selection process for the editors and judges may be collaborative. If they cannot agree on the finalists or award recipient, each editor or judge will score each article under consideration on a scale of 1-5 for each criteria listed below.

The scores for each article will be added together to determine the three highest scores for the finalists or the final score for the award recipient. Multiple award recipients are permitted if the judges' scoring results in a tie. The award will be announced in September and presented at the Past Presidents Dinner.

Criteria

The editors and judges will consider the following criteria when selecting finalists and the award recipient:

- Timeliness — Does the article address a novel issue or developing area of the law?
- Originality — Does the article offer a unique perspective on an issue?
- Organization — Does the article follow a logical progression?
- Writing Style — Is the writing clear, succinct, and understandable? Is it engaging?

Award

The award will be announced in September and presented at the Past Presidents Dinner. Judges will be invited to attend and recognized at the Past Presidents Dinner. The award recipient will also be recognized in the Member News section of the October issue and on the MDTC's social media pages.