



Spolin Law Prison Poetry Contest

2021 Submission Form

Contest: The criminal appeals law firm Spolin Law P.C. is soliciting poetry from prison inmates and the family of inmates. The poem topic must relate to the prisons, criminal justice, or rehabilitation.

Winners: One winner will be selected from each prison. Additionally, one national winner will be selected.

Prizes:

- \$500 prize for a single national winner and \$100 prizes for the best submissions from each prison (to be mailed to the inmate's prison account).
- Receipt of the "Prison Poetry Contest Award" certificate.
- Publication of your name and poem on the firm's website (optional).

Rules: To enter the competition, mail a paper to the law firm with the following information:

- (1) Your name and inmate #,
- (2) Your poem, and
- (3) Whether you would like the poem published on the firm's website in the event that you win.

Eligibility: Inmate must be located in a prison in California, Texas, or New York. Mail submissions to Spolin Law P.C. / 11500 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 400 / Los Angeles, CA 90064 with the words "Contest Submission" on the envelope.

Deadline: Submission deadline of June 1, 2021. Winners announced August 31, 2021

This material is also viewable at www.spolinlaw.com/poetry

Example Poem #1:

(The following example poem is a Haiku, which is composed of three lines.)

Turn my life around,
That has been my goal these years,
For myself and son.

Example Poem #2:

(The following example poem is a Couplet, which is composed of two lines that often rhyme.)

In reading and writing I find peace among the prison noise,
while life can get you down, these are some of my simple joys.



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Inmate #: _____

Prison: _____

(If you are a family member and not the inmate, please write your name and the inmate's name, inmate number, and the name of the prison where the inmate is located)

If you win, would you like your name and poem published on the firm's website? (check one)

Yes No

Poem: