



2019 “It’s Complicated” Case Scenario Search Criteria

Submissions should:

1. Consist of original, non-copyrighted text and ideas. While you are welcome to collaborate with colleagues or to draw inspiration from current events, stories should be crafted by JMU faculty, staff, and students. Ethical reasoning skills are best developed using topics with no settled moral preferences based on personal experiences, so please avoid hot button college issues (e.g. underage drinking, sexual misconduct, cheating and/or plagiarism) and/or issues that are politically/socially contentious (e.g. gun control, abortion rights, etc.).
2. Be 350 to 750 words in length. Should your case be selected, you may be asked to work with Ethical Reasoning in Action to revise and further develop the scenario for delivery during It’s Complicated.
3. Encourage application of all Eight Key Questions (8KQ).
4. Require a group decision.
5. Create tension and an urgency for a decision.
6. Work in various forms of media including, but not limited to, a printed story, a video, and/or a photo narrative. Creativity should be limited only by the need to work as a multi-modal teaching tool.

Selection information:

- All case scenarios become property of Ethical Reasoning in Action, giving ERiA the right to alter cases as needed. Previously published or cases submitted concurrently to other forums will not be considered. Authors will be credited.
- Submissions will be blind peer-reviewed. The new case will be selected based on
 - a. its alignment with the submission criteria noted above
 - b. its ability to help students achieve the Ethical Reasoning in Action program’s Student Learning Outcomes outlined on the [website](#)
 - c. its connection to the mission, vision, and values of Ethical Reasoning in Action
- Ethical Reasoning in Action will award the author(s) of the chosen case scenario an honorarium of \$500.00.
- Case scenarios that are not selected for “It’s Complicated” will be considered for feasibility in other forums.
- Submissions are due via [Qualtrics form](#) by December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. The author(s) of the case scenario selected for “It’s Complicated” will be notified by January 31, 2019.