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FEBRUARY:

Epstein Becker & Green Health Law Writing Competition
Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Seventeenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to healthcare (e.g., antitrust, tax, or corporate law) or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid, or clinical trials). The first-price cash reward is $4,000, second place is $2,000, and third place is $500. The deadline is February 9, 2018. For more information, please visit: http://www.ebglaw.com/health-law-writing-competition/.

Constance Baker Motley National Student Writing Competition
The American Constitution Society (ACS) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School ACS Chapter host an annual national student writing competition in honor of Constance Baker Motley's legacy. ACS welcomes all student papers furthering and promoting a progressive vision of the Constitution, law, and public policy. Entrants are encouraged to view this topic broadly, and we welcome submissions on a variety of substantive areas. The deadline is February 11, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.acslaw.org/chapters/studentcompetitions/writing.

Unitarian Universalist Association Stanfield Law Scholarship
Applicants for this scholarship will have to submit a sample of their best art works, demonstrate financial need, and promote Unitarian Universalist values. The selection committee will take into consideration “not only the intellectual attainments and potentialities of the beneficiaries but that they consider whether in character and constructive spiritual philosophy the beneficiaries are most likely to use their legal training and their training in art for the betterment of humankind.” The deadline is February 15, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.uua.org/care/scholarships/stanfield/.

MARCH:

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Educational Institute – Charlie Butts Scholarship
The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Education Institute (TCDLEI) exists to promote and support the administration of justice in Texas, particularly through the continuing legal education of criminal defense lawyers and staff. This year the institute offers a scholarship award for $5,000 to a 3L law student who has an interest in Criminal Law. The deadline is March 1, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.tcdla.com/TCDLA/Events/Scholarships_Tabs.aspx?Scholarship_Tabs=4#Scholarship_Tabs.
American Bankruptcy Institute Student Writing Competition
The American Bankruptcy Institute is pleased to invite students to participate in its Eight Annual ABI Bankruptcy Law Student Writing Competition. First, second and third place will be awarded. Papers may cover current issues regarding bankruptcy jurisdiction, bankruptcy litigation, or evidence in bankruptcy cases or proceedings. The paper may address business or consumer cases and may include matters such as bankruptcy sales, plan confirmation, and other topics that involve jurisdiction, litigation, or evidence in the bankruptcy courts. Available awards include $4,000 in prize money. **The deadline is March 1, 2018.** For more information, please visit http://papers.abi.org/.

National Italian American Foundation Scholarship
The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) awards scholarships summer to 60-70 outstanding students in a variety of academic disciplines for use during the following academic year. Scholarships range from $2,500-$12,000. **The deadline is March 1, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships-overview/](http://www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships-overview/).

ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund
This $5,000 scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance & encourage racial and ethnic minority students to apply to law school. Twenty awards will be made to **first-year students** and may be renewable for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling $15,000. Recipients will be selected based on their qualifications for the scholarship and not on the law school they plan to attend. **The deadline is March 2, 2018.** For more information, please visit [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/diversity_pipeline/projects_initiatives/legal_opportunity_scholarship.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/diversity_pipeline/projects_initiatives/legal_opportunity_scholarship.html).

Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Writing Competition
Papers should address any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law. Winner receives a prize of $1,000, publication, and a trip to attend the annual conference in Washington, D.C. **The deadline is March 3, 2018.** For details visit: [https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/affordable_housing/2017/revised_2018_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/affordable_housing/2017/revised_2018_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf).

Hon. William C. Conner Intellectual Property Law Writing Competition
The New York Intellectual Property Law Association calls for submissions to the annual William C. Conner Intellectual Property Law Writing Competition. An entry must be written about any of the traditional subject areas of intellectual property, e.g., patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair trade practices, and antitrust. There is a twenty (20) page limit for all entries. First place will receive $1,500. Second place will receive $1,000. **The deadline is March 5, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://www.nyipla.org/nyipla/ConnerWritingCompetition.asp](http://www.nyipla.org/nyipla/ConnerWritingCompetition.asp).

Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest for Law Students and Young Lawyers
The Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest is conducted by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability and the San Francisco law firm of Long & Levit LLP. The contest involves the ethical concerns arising under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct where a law firm seeks to affiliate itself with litigation funding companies, including undertaking representation of one such company and, in turn, recommending its services to the firm’s clients. The award is $5,000. **The deadline is March 9, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/awards.html).
Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship
The Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation is an organization committed to the advancement of Hispanics in the legal profession. It awards scholarships to worthy Hispanic law students. The application includes an essay in which you must specifically describe how you intend to use your law degree to benefit the Hispanic community in Texas. The deadline is March 9, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/scholarships.html.

Sidney B. Williams Jr. Scholarship
Applicants for this scholarship will write an essay of no more than 250 words explaining how the American Intellectual Property Law Association’s Sidney B. Williams Jr. Scholarship/Thurgood Marshall College Fund will help make a difference in meeting their goals of engaging in the full-time practice of Intellectual Property law. The deadline is March 16, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.aiplef.org/scholars/sidney-b-williams-jr-scholarships/.

American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (“ACCEC”) Law School Practical Skills Writing Competition on Insurance Law Problem
In order to expand on the ACCEC’s goal of engaging law students in the area of insurance law, hoping that today’s law students will be interested in becoming the insurance lawyers of tomorrow, the ACCEC is pleased to announce this practical skills writing competition. In addition to receiving cash prizes, the top three students will be invited to attend the ACCEC Annual Meeting in Chicago on May 17-18, 2018. This will present a wonderful opportunity for these students to meet and network with some of the top insurance lawyers in the United States. First place is $2,000, second place is $1,500, and third place is $1,000. The deadline is March 16, 2018. For more information, please visit: https://accec.memberclicks.net/assets/LawStudentPracticum/ACCEC_2018LawStudentPracticalSkillsCompetition_FullMaterialsPackage_20171031.pdf.

Cameron County (TX) Bar Association Law Student Scholarship
The Cameron County Bar Association will award $2,500 in financial assistance annually to one scholarship recipient who is enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school. The applicant’s financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the CCBA Scholarship. It is important for every applicant to complete all portions of the application. The deadline is March 23, 2018. For more information or for an application, please contact Jenny Branson.

Prize in International Insolvency Studies
The International Insolvency Institute is pleased to announce its Prize in International Insolvency Studies. The prize is awarded for original legal research, commentary, or analysis on topics of international insolvency, the comparative international analysis of domestic insolvency, and restructuring issues and developments. The deadline is March 31, 2018. For more information, please visit https://www.iiiglobal.org/node/2112.
**APRIL:**

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Law School Diversity Scholarship**
Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. offers a $2,000 scholarship available to law students who currently are attending an accredited law school within the United States. Applicants must be members of ethnic, racial, or other minorities or demonstrate a commitment to issues of diversity within their communities. **The deadline is April 1, 2018.** For more information, please visit [https://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/scholarships.cfm#law](https://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/scholarships.cfm#law).

**American Association of Law Libraries & Thomson West, George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment**
Individuals eligible for the AALL & West- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment are college graduates with meaningful law library experience who are members of a minority group and who intend to have a career in law librarianship. Applicants must have at least one quarter/semester remaining after the scholarship is awarded. **The deadline is April 1, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/member-resources/scholarships/George-A-Strait-Minority-Scholarship](http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/member-resources/scholarships/George-A-Strait-Minority-Scholarship).

**ALDF Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships**
The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships are available to second- and third-year law student members of our student chapters and will be awarded based upon demonstrated commitment to ALDF’s mission, "to advance the interests and protect the lives of animals through the legal system." Applicants should be committed to the advancement of animal law through active involvement with their Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) chapter while in law school and anticipated participation in the field after graduation. **The deadline is April 1, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://aldf.org/advancement-of-animal-law-scholarship/](http://aldf.org/advancement-of-animal-law-scholarship/).

**Amarillo Area Bar Foundation Scholarship**
The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation (AABF) will award scholarships each year based on availability of funds and availability of qualified applicants. The AABF will award $1,000 per recipient in scholarships, to be applied one-half to the Fall semester and one-half to the Spring semester. The applicant must either reside in the area covered by the Amarillo Area Bar Association or have a tie to this area. **The deadline is April 2, 2018.** For more information, please visit [http://www.amarillobar.org/amarillo-area-bar-foundation.html](http://www.amarillobar.org/amarillo-area-bar-foundation.html).

**The Honorable T. John Ward Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
The Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for law students from the Eastern District of Texas. This scholarship is part of the Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court’s commitment to assisting aspiring law students from circumstances of need become lawyers of high ethics, civility, and professionalism. To apply, you must submit an application, a resume, transcripts, references, and an essay. The award is $7,500. **The deadline is April 5, 2018.** For more information, please ask Jenny Branson.
State Bar of Texas’ Tax Section Annual Law Student Scholarship
The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage students to enter the practice of tax law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar Tax Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. The Section awards up to three $2,000 scholarships. The deadline is April 6, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.texastaxsection.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=245.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees Annual Law Student Scholarship
The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The award is $1,000. The deadline is April 30, 2018. For more information, please visit http://www.nactt.com/Portals/0/Writing%20Competition/2018%20writing%20contest.pdf.

Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest
The Public Justice Foundation is holding its annual Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice contest. The first place winner receives $5,000, and his/her essay will be featured on the Public Justice website. The intent to enter deadline is April 30, 2018. For more information, please visit https://www.citizen.org/www.citizen.org/law-school-contest.

Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties
The Robert Masur Fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer in between their first and second years in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. Proposed activities may include writing or research projects, work with a public interest organization in the areas of civil rights or civil liberties, work on a civil rights or civil liberties law case under the supervision of a faculty member or lawyer, or any other work in the areas of civil rights or civil liberties. The fellowship recipient receives a $1,000 honorarium. The deadline is April 27, 2018. For more information, please visit: http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/.

MAY:

State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Law Section 2087 Women and Minority Scholarship
The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two $2,500 scholarships, each to a woman and/or minority law student. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school. The deadline is May 1, 2018. For an application, please visit https://texasbariplaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-SBOT-IP-Section-Scholarship-App-Form.pdf.
Pinkerton Law Review
Mr. Pinkerton and The Pinkerton Law Firm would like to invite you to participate in the Pinkerton Law Review. This endeavor will provide students the opportunity to perfect their writing skills while also encouraging them to choose a matter that is interesting and important to them to write about. There are several $2,500 top writer awards and one $10,000 Writer of the Year award. There are also monthly subject-matter based writing contests/challenges with winners receiving $100 to $500 per contest/challenge. Finally, all writers will be highly considered for a paid clerkship at The Pinkerton Law Firm, PLLC. **There is no deadline listed.** For more information or for an application, send a current résumé to sferguson@chadpinkerton.com.

Tingey Injury Law Firm Scholarship
Tingey Injury Law Firm has been fighting to make positive changes in the Las Vegas legal system for over forty years. In an effort to support the growth and education of the local legal community Tingey is proud to announce the introduction of our High Roller Scholarship fund. This scholarship will be offered to a student currently enrolled in an accredited law school program in the U.S. who has exemplified creating positive change within the local community through extended education, extracurricular activities, and community outreach programs. It is a $1,500 scholarship. **There is no deadline listed.** For more information, please visit https://www.tingeylawfirm.com/scholarship/.