WRITING COMPETITIONS AND PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS 04.28.20

APRIL:

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, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.nactt.com/Portals/0/Writing%20Competition/2020%20writing%20contest.pdf?ver=2019-10-17-124311-573&timestamp=1571316205837.

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 deadline is April 30, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.citizen.org/article/the-2020-hogan-smoger-access-to-justice-essay-competition/.

MAY:

State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Law Section 2020 Diversity Scholarships
The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two $5,000 scholarships. Any student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas during any part of the application submission period may apply. Students who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed are not eligible. Students who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage law students who have not traditionally been represented in the Intellectual Property practice to enter the Intellectual Property profession in Texas by providing financial assistance to help defray the expenses of a law-school education. The deadline is May 1, 2020. For an application, please visit https://texasbariplaw.org/scholarships/.

Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition
Each entrant should submit a paper on an issue concerning women’s rights or the status of women in the law. The author of the award-winning essay will receive $500 and publication of the essay in Women Lawyers Journal. The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) is a national voluntary legal professional organization whose mission is the advancement of women in the legal profession and women’s rights. The deadline is May 1, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.nawl.org/page/lawstudent.
The AAJ Women for Justice Education Fund’s Mike Eidson Scholarship
The Mike Eidson Scholarship Fund was established by the AAJ Women for Justice Education Fund in 2008, in honor of AAJ Past President Mike Eidson, whose vision and generosity inspired it. The scholarship, traditionally in the amount of $5,000, is awarded to a rising 3L female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiffs’ lawyer or criminal defense lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of fair trials; the adversary system; and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. The deadline is May 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarships/scholarships/mike.

Richard D. Hailey AAJ Law Student Scholarships
These scholarships are open to all incoming first, second, and third-year minority law student members. Up to six $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. The deadline is May 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarship/scholarships/richard-d.

AAJ Trial Advocacy Scholarship
The American Association for Justice’s Trial Advocacy Scholarship is open to all second- and third-year AAJ Law Student Members who are committed to the AAJ mission. A $3,000 scholarship will be awarded. The deadline is May 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarship/scholarships/aaj-trial.

The Judge John R. Brown Foundation Scholarship
The Foundation is offering an award of $10,000 (along with other smaller awards), for excellence in legal writing in American law schools. The deadline is May 29, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/.

ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Student Writing Competition
Sponsored by the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Section, this competition allows a student to submit an essay on a current topic dealing with real property, trust and estate law. The first-place winner will receive $2,500 cash plus other benefits; the second-place winner will receive $1,500 plus other benefits, and the third-place winner will receive $1,000 cash plus other benefits. The deadline is May 31, 2020. For more information, please visit https://abaforlawstudents.com/event/law-student-writing-competition-section-of-real-property-trust-and-estate-law/.

Empowering Women in Law Scholarship
The Pearce Law Firm is pleased to announce our scholarship award for women studying law. The award is $1500. The deadline is May 31, 2020. For more information, please visit http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-women-scholarship/.

Legal Scholarship Offered by Criminal Defense Attorneys Moses and Rooth Attorneys at Law
The award is for a current or incoming law student, and is based upon merit and a response to the essay prompt. The award is $1,000. The deadline is May 31, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.mosesandrooth.com/legal-scholarship/.
JUNE:

Michigan Workers Comp Law Scholarship
Michigan Workers Comp Lawyers are pleased to offer our second annual scholarship for law school students who are actively pursuing a law degree. The award is $500. **The deadline is June 1, 2020.** For more information, please visit [http://www.workerscomplawyerhelp.com/scholarship/](http://www.workerscomplawyerhelp.com/scholarship/).

Esports Bar Association Scholarship
The Esports Bar Association ([esportsbar.org](http://esportsbar.org)) is currently in the process of developing its 2020 Journal. The goal of the Journal is to house various academic legal works related to esports, and we are accepting submissions from attorneys, law school faculty, and law students. The student prize is $3,000 scholarship for first place, or $2,000 scholarship for second place. In addition, they will be published in the Journal, featured on our website and newsletter, and have the chance to present their research to the EBA attorneys. **The deadline is June 1, 2020.** For more information, please visit [https://esportsbar.org/publications-submission-faq](https://esportsbar.org/publications-submission-faq).

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 June 10, 2020.** For more information or for an application, please contact Jenny Branson.

James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution
Sponsored by the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, this competition is intended to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among all law students of the nation. The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory, or research that the contestant chooses. First prize is $1,000. **The deadline is June 12, 2020.** For more information, please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/dispute_resolution/awards_competitions/james_b_boskey_law_student_essay_contest_on_dispute_resolution.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/dispute_resolution/awards_competitions/james_b_boskey_law_student_essay_contest_on_dispute_resolution.html).

American College of Employee Benefits Counsel Law Student Writing Competition
The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, Inc. is dedicated to elevating the standards and advancing the public's understanding of the practice of employee benefits law. The College sponsors a writing competition for law students, to encourage them to learn about employee benefits. Papers may be on any topic in the employee benefits field. Two monetary prizes are offered. **The deadline is June 15, 2020.** For more information, please visit [http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition](http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition).
The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers Writing Competition
The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers is accepting submissions for its writing competition on any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. Students are encouraged to discuss: a) a public policy issue, b) a practical implication of a leading case or doctrine, c) a statute or the need for a statutory modification, or d) a common law doctrine. Prizes include a first prize of $1,500, a second prize of $1,000 and third prize of $500.00. The deadline is June 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/images/pdfs/AME_COL_WRITING_COMPETITION_ANNOUNCEMENT_AND_RULES_2020.pdf.

ChapmanAlbin Scholarship for Law Students
This is a $1,000 scholarship for a law student planning on attending, accepted to attend, or currently attending an accredited law school in the U.S. The deadline is June 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.johnschapman.com/about-us/law-school-scholarship/.

My Injury Attorney Scholarship
This scholarship, offered by Console and Associates, is offered to applicants must be currently pursuing a law related degree or be accepted into a legal program. The deadline is June 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.myinjuryattorney.com/legal-scholarship/.

H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions
The Food and Drug Law Institute sponsors the H. Thomas Austern Memorial Writing Competitions to encourage law students interested in the areas of law that affect food, drugs, animal drugs, biologics, cosmetics, diagnostics, dietary supplements, medicine, and tobacco. Winning papers will be considered for publication in The Food and Drug Law Journal. First prize is $750. The deadline is June 19, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.fdli.org/career/austern-writing-competition/.

Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition
The American College of Trust and Estates Counsel is a professional association consisting of approximately 2,700 lawyers from throughout the United States, Canada, and other parts of the world who are elected as Fellows of the College. This competition is open to any law student in good standing (full-time or part-time) who is currently enrolled as a J.D. or LL.M. candidate in an ABA-accredited law school within the U.S. or its possessions. The prize is $3,000 and online publication on ACTEC’s website and possible publication in the ACTEC journal, Second prize is $1,000 and online publication on ACTEC’s website and possible publication in the ACTEC journal. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, visit https://actecfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/Student-Writing-Competition-2020.pdf.

The Advocates Scholarship
Advocates are committed to continual education, and this is for all prospective or current students enrolled in an accredited university or college located within the United States. The topic of the essay is road safety. The award is $1,000. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.utahadvocates.com/scholarship/.
Robert C. Watson Competition
Each law student is encouraged to submit an article on an IP topic. Judges will consider the merit of the article as a contribution to the body of intellectual property knowledge and the extent to which it displays original and creative thought. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.aipla.org/resources/programs-awards/robert-c.-watson-award.

Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Preservation Law
The Lawyers Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation is pleased to announce its annual Student Writing Competition. The competition is open to U.S. law students at schools approved by the American Bar Association. Papers may address any aspect of cultural heritage law, such as art, terrestrial and submerged cultural property, historic preservation, indigenous peoples, and intangible cultural heritage (but not intellectual property issues, except as they relate to cultural heritage). Papers must be between 20 and 45 pages in length and in 12-point Times New Roman font. The first place winner will receive a cash award of $500, and there may be a second $500 award given, too. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, please visit www.culturalheritagelaw.org/competition.

Larry M. Simonsmeier Award
The American Society for Pharmacy Law (ASPL) is a national organization of attorneys, pharmacists, and others interested in pharmacy law. ASPL recognizes outstanding scholarship related to pharmacy law with the Simonsmeier Award, sponsored by Pharmacists Mutual Insurance. Papers related to pharmacy law, food and drug law, drug policy, or related areas, published in or accepted for publication in any English-language peer-reviewed journal (including law reviews) are eligible. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.aspl.org/larry-m-simonsmeier-award.

K. William Kolbe Writing Competition
The section of Public Utility, Communications, and Transportation seeks entries from all law students who are enrolled in ABA-approved law schools and are members of the ABA Law Student division. Papers should address current topics of general interest in an area covered by the section. The prize is $2,500 plus other benefits. The deadline is June 30, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.americanbar.org/groups/infrastructure-regulated-industries/awards.html.

JULY:

AEF Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition
The Asian Pacific American Bar Association Education Fund is accepting submissions for its writing competition. A submission may address any topic of interest to the applicant, so long as it reasonably relates to Asian Pacific Americans and the law. The winner will receive a monetary award of $5,000 and will be published by UCLA's Asian Pacific American Law Journal. The deadline is July 1, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.aefdc.com/matsui-writing-competition/.
American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition
The goal of the Competition is to encourage law students to become involved in the Section. It is also intended to attract students to the Criminal Justice practice field, and to encourage scholarship in this field. The topic is the fourth amendment. The deadline is July 1, 2020. The prize is $2,500 plus other benefits. For more information, please visit: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/awards/writing_competition/

American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize
The Warren E. Burger Writing Competition is designed to encourage outstanding scholarship that “promotes the ideals of excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism within the legal profession,” the core mission of the American Inns of Court. An interested author is asked to submit an original, unpublished essay of 10,000 to 20,000 words on a topic that addresses issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics, and professionalism. The author of the winning essay will receive $5,000, and the essay will be published in the South Carolina Law Review. The deadline is July 1, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.innsofcourt.org/burgerprize.

Representing Real People Scholarship
Patrick Malone Law’s goal is to make a dent in the high cost of law school for students who want to represent individuals, to make it a little easier to choose such a career path. One of our two scholarships is designated for students attending law school in or near the District of Columbia, our law firm’s home base. The other can be used at any law school in the United States. The award is for $5,000. The deadline is July 1, 2020. For more information, please visit http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/.

Tannenwald Writing Competition
The competition is sponsored by the Theodore Tannenwald Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel. It is named for the late Tax Court Judge Theodore Tannenwald Jr. and is designed to perpetuate his dedication to legal scholarship of the highest quality. The Tannenwald Writing Competition is open to all full- or part-time law school students. Cash prizes of $5,000, $2,500 and $1,500 for the top three papers. Papers may be on any federal or state tax-related topics. The deadline is July 8, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/tannenwald/tannenwald-writing-competition/.

Deborah J. Broyles Diverse Scholars Program
Rewarding young future leaders for their efforts in the area of diversity and introducing them to the Reed Smith culture are two important goals of this program. The Diverse Scholars Program provides two $20,000 awards toward tuition for the second year of law school, as well as a paid summer associate position after completion of the second year of law school. The program is open to first-year law students who have demonstrated excellent academic scholarship and a commitment to diversity, inclusion and community. The deadline is July 15, 2020. For more information, please visit https://www.reedsmith.com/en/careers/general/diversity-initiatives.