

**Renewable, Alternative, and Distributed Energy Resources Committee
Energy and Environmental Markets and Finance Committee**

Energy Law Student Writing Competition

Any student enrolled in an accredited law school in the United States during 2011-2012 is eligible to submit an entry on issues addressing:

Are past legal constructions for the development of other resources effective prologues, or should alternative energy deployment (including renewables) or climate change issues be addressed through *sui generis* rules?

Submission information:

Submissions must be through email to Noemi.Alvarez@americanbar.org by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 1, 2012. Submissions must not exceed 2,000 words in length (a maximum of approximately 8 pages) on double-spaced 12-point typed pages using Bluebook law review format for citations. Each page must have a header including the title of the paper and a page number. For anonymous evaluation of the entries, no information that could identify the author should appear anywhere in the body of the paper, including in the header. Each entry must have a separate cover sheet (not included in the 2,000 word limit) that includes the following contact information: (1) name; (2) address; (3) phone number; (4) email address; (5) law school; and (6) paper title. Any relevant article or essay may be submitted for the competition, including writing submitted for academic credit. Papers that have been previously published are not eligible for the competition. A paper must be the original work of the individual student submitting the entry.

Judging: Papers will be subject to a blind review process. The panel of judges will judge the papers anonymously, without knowledge of the author's name or law school.

Papers will be evaluated by the following criteria: (1) originality and thoughtfulness; (2) writing quality; (3) analysis and legal reasoning; (4) quality and use of research (including interdisciplinary and applied examples); and (5) compliance with the competition rules. Winning entries will be published nationwide in an ABA publication, a special combined edition newsletter of the Renewable, Alternative, and Distributed Energy Resources Committee and the Energy and Environmental Markets and Finance Committee in June of 2012.

Winning Entries: Winning entries will be announced and winners notified no later than May 2012.

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