

SECTION NEWS

Section Announces First Class of Fellows

The Section has announced the appointment of its first class of Fellows. The Fellows will participate in the Section's young lawyer fellowship program, which is designed to give active members of the ABA Young Lawyers Division an opportunity to become involved in the substantive work of the Section, to develop future Section leaders, and to enhance knowledge about the work of the Section among members of the Young Lawyers Division.

Members of the inaugural Fellows class of 2001–02 are **Roshunda Price-Harper** of Detroit, **Ricardo E. Fontg** of Kansas City, Missouri, **Vincent M. Casiano** of San Diego, and **Abigail G. Kampmann** of San Antonio.

"The Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section is committed to increasing the participation of young lawyers in Section activities," said Section Chair David Tang. "We are hopeful that by involving young lawyers in our Section's programs and projects they will make a commitment to continue with the Section as their practice develops. We also want to make a special effort to build a diverse and active membership to assure the future success of the Section. Our resources are available to break down barriers to their full participation.

"The goal of the fellowship program is to invest dollars in young lawyers who will participate actively in the work of the Section and eventually grow into future leaders of the Section."

Each Fellow's appointment is for two years. The Section has allocated funds to cover expenses for each Fellow to attend Section meetings during the two-year term. The Section has designed the program to encourage participation in its work by minorities by designating two of the fellowships for minorities.

Each Fellow will be assigned to Section committees and will have a mentor to work with during his or her years as a Fellow. Section leaders have been charged with involving Fellows in the substantive work of the committees, and the mentors will work to maximize the opportunities for participation and professional development on the part of their Fellows. Each Fellow will also work with his or her mentor to produce a significant written work for *Probate & Property* or the *Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal*.

Four Fellows will be selected each year. To be consid-

ered for selection, a candidate should have practiced in the probate or real property area for at least one year and be an active member of the ABA/YLD with demonstrated leadership initiative. Candidates can also be active members of the Division who have aged out within the last three years.

For more information about the Fellows program or about nominations for next year's Fellows class, please contact Andrew F. Palmieri at (703) 837-6976 or afpalmieri@vssp.com or the Section's Staff Director, Robin Roy, at (312) 988-6570 or robinroy@staff.abanet.org, or visit the Section's website at www.abanet.org/rppt. ■

Associate Departments Editor

Probate & Property magazine is soliciting applications for an Associate Departments Editor. The duties of the Associate Departments Editor include

- assisting the Departments Editor,
- receiving materials from the magazine's column editors,
- editing the columns for style, consistency, and length,
- working with the individual editors on substantive problems,
- correcting legal citations in manuscripts,
- reviewing manuscripts and page proofs,
- suggesting new column and item ideas,
- attending editorial board meetings, and
- meeting all deadlines.

Applicants should be members of the RPPTL Section.

For further details about the position, applicants may contact the Departments Editor, Diane Kennedy, (317) 259-4074, or the magazine's Editor, Edward Brading, (423) 434-4700.

Moving? Changing Firms? Retiring?

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Section Announces Winners of Schlenger Student Writing Competition

The Section has announced the winners of the Jacques T. Schlenger Student Writing Contest. First place winner is **Joel Stroud**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, a student at North Carolina Central University and the University of North Carolina, for his submission, "Space Law Provides Insights on How the Existing Liability Framework Responds to Damages Caused by Artificial Outer Space Objects." Stroud received a check for \$2,000 and a one-year membership in the Section. In addition, he received an all-expense paid trip to the Section's Fall Council Meeting and was honored at a Fall Council Meeting dinner on November 10, 2001, in La Jolla, California. Stroud's essay will also be considered for publication in *Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Journal*.

Second place winner is **Shamanda R. Joseph** of Cumberland School of Law at Sanford University, Birmingham, Alabama, for her essay, "Decedents and Estate Law—Inheritance Law—Comment: The American Legal System Fails to Accommodate the Modern Family Dynamics Under Intestacy Laws." The second place prize is \$500.

Caroline Blankenship of the University of New Mexico, Cedar Crest, New Mexico, placed third for her

essay, "ERISA and State Regulation of Health Care." She will receive a check for \$250.

In announcing the winners, Section Chair David K.Y. Tang said, "The recognition conveyed by this award signifies the important role of real property, probate, and trust law and the need to nurture law students to help prepare them for practice in this important field."

The competition, established in 2001, is named in honor of Jacques T. Schlenger, a nationally renowned estate planning lawyer, a philanthropist, a founder of the Venable Foundation, and a member of the Section for forty-five years. The award is co-sponsored by the Venable Foundation, which was established in 1981 to promote the health and well-being of the communities where clients and lawyers of the Venable firm work and live. The Foundation supports a wide range of civic, cultural, and charitable endeavors, as well as public interest law and legal education. The award was designed to foster interest, encourage legal scholarship, and reward law student writing on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current national interest. The competition is open to all full-time law students in ABA-approved law schools in the United States and its possessions.

Speaking on behalf of the Venable Foundation, Benjamin R. Civiletti, Foundation board chair and former managing partner of the Venable firm, said, "Jacques inspired us with his love and mastery of the law and his devotion to improving the health and well-being of the community. He exemplifies the values we share as a firm, and this contest is one way in which we can honor his memory." ■

2002 Writing Contest Announced

The Section's Jacques T. Schlenger Student Writing Contest encourages and rewards law student writing on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current interest. Any law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, and enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school may enter the contest by submitting an original essay on a current topic dealing with real property, probate, or trust law. Entries must be received by the Section no later than June 15, 2002. Complete contest rules may be found on the Section's website at www.abanet.org/rppt or by calling the Section office at (312) 988-5824.

The first-place winner will receive \$2,000 and a one-year free membership in the Section, plus free round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the Section's 2002 Fall Council Meeting. The first-place winner will be announced in *Probate & Property*, and his or her essay will be considered for publication in the *Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Journal*. The second-place winner will receive \$500 and honorable mention in *Probate & Property*. The third-place winner will receive \$250 and an honorable mention in *Probate & Property*.

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