



## Section News

### RPTE Welcomes New 2009–11 Fellows

The Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law recently announced its new fellows for the class of 2009–11. The new Real Property fellows are Andrea Barnes of Jackson, Mississippi; Racole Henry of Miami, Florida; and Megan Roché of Portland, Oregon. The new Trust and Estate fellows are Mildred Gomez of Miami, Florida; Tye Klooster of Chicago, Illinois; and Sasha Klein of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

The Fellows Program represents a commitment by the Section to increase the participation of young lawyers in Section activities. The goal of the program is to give active members of the Young Lawyers Division or state or local bar associations an opportunity to become involved in the substantive work of the Section, to develop future leaders of the Section, and to enhance knowledge about the work of the Section among members of the Young Lawyers Division and other young lawyers.

The fellowship appointment is for two years. To be considered for selection, a person must have practiced in the trust and estate or real property area for at least one year, be younger than 36 years of age or have been admitted to the bar fewer than 10 years, and have demonstrated leadership at the state or local bar level or in the Young Lawyers Division. Congratulations to all of the new fellows! ■

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### 2009 Law Student Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations to first-place winner Shea B. Airey, from the University of South Carolina, for his essay, "Conservation Easements in Private Practice: A Detailed Overview of the Device and Why It Should Be Embraced by the American Lawyer." Second-place is Jonathan Ohring, from Emory Law School, for his essay, "Mommy, Where's Daddy (And the Money He Left Me)? A Model for Legislatures and Courts in Determining the Neglected Inheritance Rights of Posthumously Conceived Children." In third place is Elliott Joh, from the University of Chicago Law School, for his essay, "Denominations and Denominators: Applying *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council* to Resolve RLUIPA 'Substantial Burden on Religious Land Use' Cases."

Shea B. Airey, the first-place winner, will receive \$2,500 cash, a one-year free membership to the Section, and free round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the Section's Fall Leadership Meeting, November 19–22, 2009, at the Montage Laguna Beach, Laguna Beach, California. In addition, Shea's essay will be considered for publication in a future issue of the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*.

Jonathan Ohring, the second-place winner, will receive \$1,500 cash, and Elliott Joh, the third-place winner, will receive \$1,000 cash.

The goal of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section student writing contest is to encourage and reward law student writing on real property and trust and estate law subjects of general and current interest. As part of this effort, the ABA sponsors the RPTE writing contest, which invites law school students to submit original essays on current topics in the field. The essay contest is designed to attract students to these legal specialties and to strongly encourage scholarship in these areas. ■

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