



## Section News

# 2010 RPTE Law Student Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations to the 2010 Law Student Writing Contest winners:

- **First place**—Allison L. Bridges of the University of Richmond School of Law—“Marital Fault as a Basis for Terminating Inheritance Rights: Protecting the Institution of Marriage and Those Who Abide by Their Vows ‘til Death Do They Part”;
- **Second place**—Terin M. Barbas of the Florida State University College of Law—“Reforming Intestate Inheritance for Stepchildren and Parents”; and
- **Third place**—Ricky Nelson of Brigham Young University Law School—“Inverse Condemnation Actions Present Unique Problems When Determining ‘Just Compensation’.”

The goal of the RPTE student writing contest is to encourage and reward law student writing on the subjects of real property or trust and estate law. The essay contest is designed to attract students to these law specialties and to encourage scholarship and interest in these areas. Articles submitted for judging are encouraged to be on timely topics and to have not been previously published.

We extend a special thank-you to our judges, Bob Paul, Michele McCue, Susan Gary, Amy Hess, and Marc Chorney, for their time, dedication, and expert guidance on this project. The contest could not have been possible without their help.

Allison Bridges, the first place winner, will receive \$2,500, a one-year free membership in the Section, and round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the Section’s Fall Leadership Meeting, November 11–14, 2010, at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina (valued at approximately \$1,000). In addition, Allison’s essay will be considered for publication in a future issue of the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*. Terin Barbas, the second place winner, will receive \$1,500 cash, and Ricky Nelson, the third place winner, will receive \$1,000 cash.

## RPTE Announces 2010–12 Fellows Class

The Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law welcomes its new fellows for the class of 2010–12. The new Real Property fellows are Cynthia Alexander of Los Angeles, California, Christina Jenkins of Dallas, Texas, and M. Margaret (Peggy) Sullivan of Cincinnati, Ohio. The new Trust and Estate fellows are Scott Bowman of Boca Raton, Florida, Amber Quintal of Seattle, Washington, and Ryan Walsh of Chicago, Illinois.

During their two-year appointment, the new fellows will become heavily involved in the substantive work of the Section. The fellows will be exposed to all areas of Section membership, ranging from chairing a committee to working closely as a liaison to the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

To be considered for selection, fellows 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 less than 10 years, and have demonstrated leadership at the state or local bar level or in the Young Lawyers Division of the ABA. Congratulations and welcome to all of the new fellows!