

# 2016 Writing Competition

## **The American Bar Association's Forum on Construction Law is Looking for the Best Law Student Writers in the Country**

The revival of the Forum's Law Student Writing Competition has exceeded expectations. Every year the quality of the submissions increases. The Forum gets to introduce itself to the next generation of construction lawyers and strive towards its mission of Building the Best Construction Lawyers.

The Law Student Writing Competition comes on the heels of the success of the Forum's law school textbook, *Construction Law*, and the increasing number of law school courses dedicated to construction law.

The competition prize is worth the chase. The winning author receives a \$2,000 prize, travel expenses and registration for the next Forum annual meeting (where the winner is introduced and receives a plaque), a one-year Forum membership, recognition in the Forum newsletter, *Under Construction*, the *Forum Flash*, and on the Forum's website, plus the opportunity to be published in one of the Forum's two publications, *Under Construction* or *The Construction Lawyer*. In addition to the first place winner, one or more authors may be judged a finalist and recognized with a plaque and in Forum publications.

Articles may now be submitted for the 2016 Forum Student Writing Competition. The Competition is open to all law students in good standing and attending an ABA accredited law school during any of 2016.

Students may submit articles on any topic related to construction law. The format of the articles should resemble the articles published in either of the Forum's two publications, *The Construction Lawyer* (law journal format with guidelines in the link below) and *Under Construction* (newsletter format with articles of 1000-2000 words).

The Forum has added a new feature—any law student interested in participating in the competition can be assigned a Competition Mentor, with whom the student can bounce off ideas for relevant topics in construction law. Please contact Marilyn Klinger by email for your Competition Mentor assignment.

Senior ABA Forum members will judge the submissions. Criteria for selection include creativity, clarity and precision of writing, strength of argument, novelty and timeliness of subject, and quality of research.

**The deadline for submission of articles for the 2016 competition is Friday, January 30, 2016.** All articles should be submitted to Tamara Harrington and Marilyn Klinger by email in Word format. For more information and the complete rules visit our homepage.

**Good Luck!**

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