The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) has established an annual Law Student Writing Competition with cash prizes awarded to the first and second place winners. The goal of the competition is to encourage and reward law student writings on legal subjects within the scope of the Section and general and current interest. It is also designed to attract students to the civil trial, tort and insurance fields, and to strongly encourage scholarship in these areas.

Rules concerning the competition are as follows. The dates shown will change each year:

1. The competition is open to any law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, who is currently attending an ABA-accredited law school within the United States and its possessions. All authors must be members of the American Bar Association Law Student Division at the time of submission.

2. Papers should address a current topic in a legal area covered by one of the Section’s substantive law committees.

3. Essays must be submitted by e-mail to Linda Wiley@americanbar.org.

4. Essays must not exceed 35 pages of double-spaced typed text, including footnotes. Only one essay is to be submitted for each entrant. Essays submitted must be created by the entrant, have never been published in any other medium other than a law school publication, and was not written before January 1, 2011. Essays should conform to the 17th edition of The Bluebook—a Uniform System of Citation.

5. The first-place winner will receive $1,500 cash, free round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the ABA Annual Meeting. The first-place winner’s essay will be considered for publication in the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal. The first-place winner will be announced in an upcoming issue of The Brief, the Section’s magazine. In addition, the second-place winner will receive $500 cash and honorable mention in The Brief and the third-place winner will receive an honorable mention in The Brief.

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