



# AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Building Your Bridge to Your Future Career The ABA Can Give You the Building Blocks You Need to Succeed

All information listed below is available with convenient links to more information at [www.abanet.org/lsd/resources/](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/resources/) or go to the Law Student Division homepage at [www.abanet.org/lsd/](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/) and click on "Career Resources".

The American Bar Association can help you construct a sturdy foundation to a successful and meaningful future. Below is a sampling of networking opportunities, internships, job boards and other resources to get you started as you embark on your legal education and/or beginning your legal career.

### Legal Job Boards

- ABA Job Board ([http://jobs.abanet.org/?ptc=jobboard\\_econrecoverybox\\_link](http://jobs.abanet.org/?ptc=jobboard_econrecoverybox_link))
- Careers at the American Bar Association (<http://new.abanet.org/hr/default.aspx>)
- Ethnic and Racial Diversity Job Board (<http://new.abanet.org/centers/diversity/Pages/Jobs.aspx>)
- Careers in National Security Law/Jobs ([http://www.abanet.org/natsecurity/career\\_links.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/natsecurity/career_links.shtml))
- Pro Bono and Public Interest ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/jobs.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/jobs.shtml))
- State and Local Government Resume Database (<http://new.abanet.org/sections/statelocal/Pages/CAREERRESOURCES.aspx>)
- Tax Law Job Locator Program ([www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html))

### Legal Employment Tips and Resources

- Career Center (<http://new.abanet.org/careercenter/Pages/careercenter.aspx>)
- Collection of Articles for Your Job Search ([www.abanet.org/careercounsel/archive.html#find](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/archive.html#find))
- Law and National Security ([www.abanet.org/natsecurity/career\\_links.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/natsecurity/career_links.shtml))
- Young Lawyers Division Career Page ([www.abanet.org/yld/career.html](http://www.abanet.org/yld/career.html))
- Job Hunting Tips ([www.abanet.org/lsd/entities/jobtips.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/entities/jobtips.pdf))
- How to Get a Job on the Hill ([www.abanet.org/govpub/job.html](http://www.abanet.org/govpub/job.html))
- Young Lawyer Division Newsletter - a practice-oriented newsletter designed to deliver specific, practical information. ([www.abanet.org/yld/tyl.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/yld/tyl.shtml))
- Young Lawyers Division 101 Practice Series - an online resource covering basic training in both substantive and practical aspects of law practice. Designed as a resource for lawyers in their first three years of practice. ([www.abanet.org/yld/101practiceseries/101practiceseries.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/yld/101practiceseries/101practiceseries.shtml))

### Internships, Fellowships and Clerkships

#### **Antitrust Law**

#### **The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project**

#### **Application deadline: January**

The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project offers 1L and 2Ls opportunities for summer work in the Consumer Protection Departments and/or Antitrust Law Departments of state attorneys general offices throughout the United States. The ABA Section of Antitrust Law provides each participant with a \$5,000 stipend. For details about the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project, contact Deborah Morgan at (312) 988-5606.

(Details: <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/Student-Application-2011.doc>)

(Application Form: <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/Student-Application-2011.doc>)

**American Bar Association  
Internships at the American Bar Association  
Chicago and Washington D.C. Offices  
Application deadline: Year-round**

Occasionally, internships become available for law students to work in the Chicago or Washington DC offices of the ABA. These positions generally include research, project coordination and other legal assistance assignments. ([www.abanet.org/hr/interns/chicagointern.html](http://www.abanet.org/hr/interns/chicagointern.html))

**Business Law  
Diversity Clerkship Program  
Application deadline : January**

Designed to expose students to business law and business courts and encourage students to consider a career in business law, selected law students will receive \$6,000 and placement in business court clerkship. These clerkship opportunities are aimed at qualified minority or otherwise disadvantaged candidates who have completed the equivalent of their first year of law school. Available only in Philadelphia and Delaware. ([www.abanet.org/buslaw/students/clerkship.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/students/clerkship.shtml))

**Children and the Law  
Internship Opportunity  
ABA Washington, D.C. Office  
Application deadline: Year-round**

Internships are available during the summer, spring and fall for students with an interest in child welfare issues. Summer internship positions will be focused on child and adolescent health; a background in health or psychology is strongly preferred for this position. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter and resume to Howard A. Davidson at [ctrchildlaw@abanet.org](mailto:ctrchildlaw@abanet.org). (<http://new.abanet.org/child/Pages/jobsandinternships.aspx>)

**Criminal Justice  
Internship Opportunity  
ABA Washington, D.C. Office  
Application deadline: Year-round**

Internship opportunities with the Section are available. Previous successful candidates spent a summer or semester in the Washington, DC offices of the Section, and assisted Section staff with criminal justice policy research, Section Committee projects, and various other activities. (Note: You must be a member of the ABA Criminal Justice Section in order to obtain additional information and an application form for Internship Opportunities.) (<http://new.abanet.org/sections/criminaljustice/Pages/Students.aspx>)

**Dispute Resolution  
Internship Opportunity  
ABA Washington, D.C. Office  
Application deadline: Year-round**

Law student interns focus on ADR research into emerging critical issues under the supervision of an attorney, conduct needs assessment and systems design for dispute resolution in specific practice areas or institutions, and make site visits to local programs such as the D.C. Court's Multi-Door Program. ([www.abanet.org/dispute/disputeinternship.html](http://www.abanet.org/dispute/disputeinternship.html))

**Domestic Violence  
Clerkship Opportunity  
ABA Washington, D.C. Office  
Application deadline: Year-Round**

The law clerk will provides legal research, writing and analysis assistance to the director and staff attorneys in development of training materials and other resources for lawyers representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Ideal applicants will be 2Ls and 3Ls with experience assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and excellent writing, researching and communication skills. A sense of humor and a willingness to take initiative are also important. (<http://new.abanet.org/domesticviolence/PublicDocuments/Summer Law Clerk2010.pdf>)

**Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Summer Fellowship Opportunity  
Application deadline: Varies by location**

The ABA Fellowship in Environmental Law, formerly the Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law, is designed to encourage disadvantaged or traditionally underrepresented law students to study and pursue careers in environmental law. Each successful recipient will receive a \$5,000 (\$6,000 for New York *Fellows*) stipend in exchange for participation in the *Fellowship* program. The stipend does not cover travel expenses or include a housing allowance; these expenses are paid by the *Fellowship* recipient. ([www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/fellowship\\_home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/fellowship_home.shtml))

### ***Homelessness and Poverty***

#### **John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund**

#### ***Application deadline: March***

Provides \$2,500 stipends to 3 law students each summer in support of their internships at the organization of their choice where they provide direct legal services and/or policy based advocacy related to homelessness and/or poverty. (<http://new.abanet.org/homeless/Pages/JohnJCurtinJrFellowship.aspx>)

### ***Immigration***

#### **Internship and Clerkship Program**

#### ***Application deadline for Fall/Winter: September***

#### ***Application deadline for Spring/Summer: December***

The ABA Commission on Immigration seeks talented law clerks and interns to assist in cutting-edge national advocacy work for immigrants, refugees and newcomers to this nation. Law clerks participate in research and development of various policy initiatives to ensure that immigration laws respect the due process rights of immigrants, to benefit adult and children immigrants and refugees detained by the ICE, and to promote pro bono practices across the country. (<http://new.abanet.org/Immigration/Pages/InternshipsandOpenPositions.aspx>)

### ***Individual Rights and Responsibilities***

#### **Internship Opportunities**

#### ***ABA Washington, D.C. Office***

#### ***Application deadline: Year-round***

The Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities is the only entity within the ABA dedicated solely to civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights issues. Legal interns work directly with Section attorneys and other staff members on policy and project development and implementation: conducting legal research and assisting in monitoring state and federal legislative developments on various civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights issues. Internships are available year-round and applications are accepted until positions are filled. Candidates should send a resume, a brief writing sample (less than 10 pages), and a cover letter detailing the candidate's interest in working for the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. ([www.abanet.org/irr/interns.html](http://www.abanet.org/irr/interns.html))

### ***International Law***

#### **International Internship Opportunity**

#### ***Application deadline: February***

The program is intended to facilitate the establishment of legal internships for U.S. law students interested in the practice of international law with overseas law firms. ([www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html))

### ***Law and National Security***

#### **Internship Opportunities**

#### ***Application deadline: Year-Round (ABA Washington DC office)***

Assist Standing Committee Director by attending meetings, programs and covering hearings or other business on Capitol Hill. Issues include terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, information warfare, rule of law or homeland security. Intern will work on monthly newsletter (proofreading, research) and will assist with annual conferences and monthly breakfast programs featuring prominent speakers in the national security law area. Intern will also assist in website maintenance. ([www.abanet.org/natsecurity/intern\\_opportunities.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/natsecurity/intern_opportunities.shtml))

### ***Litigation***

#### **Judicial Intern Opportunities Program**

#### ***Application deadline: December***

Seeks to provide internship opportunities for minority or financially disadvantaged law students, those who are members of traditionally underrepresented groups in the legal profession. The Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship program open to all first- or second-year minority and/or financially disadvantaged law students who want to do legal research and writing for state or federal judges in participating cities. Students may indicate geographic location preferences on their applications. Interns will receive an award of \$1,500. ([www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/home.html))

### ***Mental and Physical Disabilities Law***

#### **Internship Opportunities**

#### ***ABA Washington, D.C. Office***

#### ***Application Deadline: Varies throughout the year depending upon need***

Available for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Duties include using Westlaw to research disability law issues, cite-checking cases and legislation, and assisting with various other Commission projects. (<http://new.abanet.org/disability/Pages/JobsInternships.aspx>)

## **Public Service**

### **Internship Program**

#### **ABA Washington D.C. Office**

**Application deadline (Fall/Winter): September**

**Application deadline (Spring/Summer): December**

The Division for Public Service provides summer internships to design and carry out a public interest legal research and writing project of particular interest to the law student. Typically involves conducting project research and writing; developing information for directories and other databases; coordinating survey development, distribution and results; or editing manuscripts for publication. (<http://new.abanet.org/Immigration/Pages/InternshipsandOpenPositions.aspx>)

### **Rule of Law Initiative**

#### **Domestic and International Relations Internships**

##### **ABA Washington, D.C. Office**

**Application deadline: Year-round**

Responsibilities will vary depending on the section's immediate needs. Duties may include assisting the department with the management of international programs, monitoring the political and economic developments in a region, researching areas of interest, aiding with correspondence, working with program and in-country staff on day-to-day support tasks, and performing administrative duties requested by the relevant office staff.

([www.abanet.org/rol/opportunities/internships.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/rol/opportunities/internships.shtml))

### **Taxation**

#### **Public Service Fellowship**

**Application deadline: October**

Developed to address the need for tax legal service assistance around the country, and to foster an interest in tax-related public service for those lawyers who participate. The Public Service Fellowships are open to recent J.D. and LL.M. graduates and judicial clerks who commit to working in tax-related public interest, non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations for two years. Applicants must select and arrange employment with those organizations prior to applying for the Fellowship, and must confirm that their work will involve taxation or the administration of tax law. Up to two Fellowships will be awarded each year, and the Section will fund the salary, benefits and law school debt service (when applicable) for each awardee. ([www.abanet.org/tax/awards/publicservice/](http://www.abanet.org/tax/awards/publicservice/))

## **Other Internships, Fellowships and Clerkships**

### **Skadden and Equal Justice Works (EJW)**

#### **Fellowships with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAF)**

**Application deadline: July**

LAF is the largest provider of legal services for the poor in Chicago and Cook County and considered one of the premier urban programs of its kind in the country. In addition to six intake offices, LAF has a dozen special projects in such areas as children's rights, family law, disability rights, housing law, migrant law, employment discrimination, immigration law, and HIV/AIDS. In past years, LAF has had a number of Skadden and EJW Fellows who were engaged in innovative and productive projects under the supervision of experienced LAF lawyers. Students interested in Skadden or EJW Fellowships should mail or email a cover letter describing their interest and specific proposal, if any; resume; and writing sample to [resume@lafchicago.org](mailto:resume@lafchicago.org). Please type the word "FELLOWSHIP" in the subject line of your email. For additional information, please email Daniel Lindsey ([dlindsey@lafchicago.org](mailto:dlindsey@lafchicago.org)). (<http://www.lafchicago.org/content/view/37/83/>)

## **Volunteering**

- Law Student Division Work-A-Day Community Service Activities ([www.abanet.org/lzd/work-a-day/](http://www.abanet.org/lzd/work-a-day/))
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Programs
  - Section of Taxation VITA Information and Guidelines (<https://www.abanet.org/tax/taxtips4u/>)
  - Planning Guide for Your On-Campus VITA Site ([www.abanet.org/lzd/vita/](http://www.abanet.org/lzd/vita/))
- Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunities ([/legalservices/probono/volunteer.html](http://legalservices/probono/volunteer.html))
- Entering the Community -- Tips on Volunteering ([www.abanet.org/publiced/ljhome.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/ljhome.html))
- Directory of Law School Pro Bono and Public Interest Programs ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools/](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools/))
- ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/))
- ABA Center for Pro Bono Web Links ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/weblink.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/weblink.shtml))

## Leadership Opportunities

### **Law Student Division**

#### **National, Regional and Campus Leadership Opportunities**

**Application deadlines: January, February and June (depending on position-see website for details)**

As an ABA Law Student Division member, you are eligible for election or nomination to a Division leadership position at the national, regional or local level. There are over 100 leadership positions (elected and appointed) offered each year by the ABA Law Student Division. Representing over 45,000 dues-paying law students is a significant responsibility and requires the commitment of our nation's most talented and dedicated law student leaders. The various leadership positions entail interaction with practicing attorneys, advocating the needs of law students and helping shape ABA Law Student Division policy. ([www.abanet.org/lstd/elections/](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/elections/))

### **Science and Technology Law**

#### **Committee Project Opportunities**

The ABA Section of Science & Technology Law provides leadership on emerging issues at the intersection of law, science, and technology, and works to promote sound policy and public understanding on such issues. Several committees within the Section (SciTech) would like law students to assist with some of their exciting projects. If you are interested in working on a project, please contact the Section Membership and Committees Manager, Julia Passamani, at [passamaj@staff.abanet.org](mailto:passamaj@staff.abanet.org). (<http://new.abanet.org/sections/scitech/Pages/LawStudentMemberOpportunities.aspx>)

### **Tort Trial & Insurance Practice**

#### **Law Student Vice-Chair Positions**

**Application deadline: November**

Each year, TIPS chooses 4 students to serve as liaisons to the ABA Law Student Division (LSD) and 32 students to serve as vice-chairs to TIPS general committees. These valuable leadership opportunities will allow you to meet and work with our nation's best trial attorneys, enhance your resumé, write for nationally-circulated publications and, most importantly, develop friends you will have for the rest of your legal career. Note: This program is separate and independent of the Liaison Program offered by the ABA Law Student Division. ([www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html))

## Law Student Division Legal Skills and Moot Court Competitions

The Law Student Division annually sponsors four national competitions. These competitions offer students a forum to develop valuable legal skills, and a chance to meet and network with fellow law students—future colleagues—from around the nation. For more information regarding the following ABA Law Student Division competitions, visit [www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/).

### **Arbitration Competition** ([www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/arbitration/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/arbitration/home.html))

Scope: Students prepare and present an arbitration case including opening statements, witness examinations, document introduction, evidentiary bases, and summation.

Award: Cash prizes.

*(Entry deadline: September 17, 2010)*

### **Negotiation Competition** ([www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/negotiation/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/negotiation/home.html))

Scope: To recognize the importance of negotiation in resolving disputes and in structuring transactions.

Award: Cash prizes.

*(Entry deadline: September 17, 2010)*

### **Client Counseling Competition** ([www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/clientcounseling/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/clientcounseling/home.html))

Scope: Tests competence of counseling skills, demonstrates ability to conduct initial client interviews and to deal with client's non-legal goals and concerns, utilizes preventive law techniques.

Award: Cash prizes.

*(Entry deadline: October 22, 2010)*

### **National Appellate Advocacy Competition:** ([www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/naac/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/lstd/competitions/naac/home.html))

Scope: To further communication among students from different law schools; to provide a forum for development of oral and written advocacy skills in the context of appellate practice.

Award: Cash prizes.

*(Entry deadline: November 5, 2010)*

## Other Practical Skills Competitions

### ***Dispute Resolution***

#### **Representation in Mediation Competition**

Designed to acquaint law student participants with advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution processes, specifically mediation. ([www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html](http://www.abanet.org/dispute/mediationcomp.html))

### ***Labor and Employment Law***

#### **Trial Advocacy Competition**

Law students who participate in this Competition have the opportunity to develop their trial advocacy skills in a mock courtroom experience. ([www.abanet.org/labor/trialad/home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/labor/trialad/home.shtml))

### ***Taxation***

#### **Law Student Tax Challenge**

Award: Cash prizes, complimentary travel and lodging to Tax Section Midyear Meeting location, notice of award on Section's website and in its NewsQuarterly newsletter and e-News. ([www.abanet.org/tax/lstc/](http://www.abanet.org/tax/lstc/))

### ***Criminal Justice***

#### **National Trial Advocacy Competition**

Sponsored in conjunction with The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, tests the mettle of aspiring courtroom lawyers. ([www.abacrimtrial.com/index.shtml](http://www.abacrimtrial.com/index.shtml))

### ***Environment, Energy, and Resources and the Environmental Law Institute***

#### **Pace Law School's National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition**

Recognized as the preeminent environmental law moot in the United States, the moot tests skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy on issues drawn from real cases, providing experience in environmental litigation first hand. Previous legal problems have included illegal dumping of hazardous waste, vicarious criminal liability of corporate officers for their company's environmental crimes and commerce clause limits on water pollution regulation. ([www.law.pace.edu/nelmcc](http://www.law.pace.edu/nelmcc))

## ABA Essay and Writing Competitions

### ***Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice***

#### **Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Contest**

##### ***Entry deadline: March***

Award: \$500; round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference; and possible publication in *Administrative and Regulatory Law News*. ([www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/2009essays/writings.html](http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/2009essays/writings.html))

### ***Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS)***

#### **Law Student Writing Competition**

##### ***Entry deadline: April***

First Place Award: \$500; financial assistance to attend the ABA Annual Meeting (\$500 maximum). ([www.abanet.org/tips/market/11AdmiraltyLawStudentWriting.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/tips/market/11AdmiraltyLawStudentWriting.pdf))

### ***Affordable Housing and Community Development***

#### **Writing Competition**

##### ***Postmark deadline: March***

Award: \$1,000; airfare and lodging to attend the Forum Committee's Annual Conference where prize will be presented; possible publication in the *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*. (<http://new.abanet.org/Forums/Affordable/PublicDocuments/2011%20Writing%20Competition%>)

### ***Antitrust Law***

#### **Writing Competition**

##### ***Article submission deadline: January***

Award: \$2,000 and registration fee, transportation, lodging and luncheon at Antitrust Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. Second Place Award: \$500 and expense paid invitation to the Section's Spring Meeting  
Details and Rules: [www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/announcement\\_2010.doc](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/announcement_2010.doc)  
Entry Form: [www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/entry-form-2011.doc](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/word/entry-form-2011.doc)

### **Business Law**

#### **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest**

**Entry deadline: January**

Award: \$2,500; travel and lodging to attend the Section's Spring Meeting; and possible publication in *The Business Lawyer*. ([www.abanet.org/buslaw/hershman/](http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/hershman/))

### **Criminal Justice**

#### **Annual William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: April**

Award: \$2,000; expense-paid trip to ABA Annual Meeting; and possible publication in *Criminal Justice* magazine. ([www.abanet.org/crimjust/cjmag/greenhalgh.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/cjmag/greenhalgh.pdf))

### **Dispute Resolution**

#### **James Boskey Alternative Dispute Resolution Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: June**

Award: \$1,000. ([www.abanet.org/dispute/essaycomp.html](http://www.abanet.org/dispute/essaycomp.html))

### **Domestic Violence**

#### **Annual Law Student Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: March**

Award: Publication in the American University *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution* from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and honorarium. (<http://new.abanet.org/domesticviolence/Pages/LawStudent.aspx>)

### **Entertainment and Sports Industry and the Recording Academy Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI)**

#### **Annual GRAMMY® Foundation Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Writing Contest**

**Entry deadline: January**

Award: \$5,000 and all expense paid trip to the Grammy Awards.

For additional information, visit Facebook.com and search for "*The Entertainment Law Initiative*". If you are not a Facebook user simply send an e-mail to [eli@grammy.com](mailto:eli@grammy.com).

### **Environmental, Energy and Resources Law**

#### **Environmental Justice Law Student Writing Competition**

**Postmarked Deadline: February**

One-time award co-sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Law and presented during the April 1 Environmental Justice Symposium to be held at the law school in Oxford, Mississippi.

Award: \$1,000; possible publication in a special issue of the Mississippi Law Journal together with other articles and materials from the Symposium; possible publication on the ABA-SEER website; and an invitation to attend the Environmental Justice Symposium on April 1, 2011 (ABA-SEER will fund travel and hotel costs for the winning students). (<http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/writingcompetition/>)

### **Environmental, Energy and Resources Law**

#### **Endangered Environmental Law Student Writing Competition**

**Postmarked Deadline: April**

Co-Sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies  
Award: \$2000; possible publication in the Environmental Law Reporter; and a one-year individual membership to ELI. ([www.eli.org/writing\\_contest.cfm](http://www.eli.org/writing_contest.cfm))

### **Family Law**

#### **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**

**Postmarked entry deadline: April**

Award: Possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and complimentary one-year membership in the ABA Section of Family Law. ([www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml))

### **Health Law**

#### **Health Law Writing Competition**

**Deadline for entry: December**

Award: \$500 and travel and lodging to the Section's Emerging Issues Program. ([www.abanet.org/health/06\\_membership/LawStudents/WritingCompetition.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/health/06_membership/LawStudents/WritingCompetition.shtml))

### ***International Law***

#### **Rona R. Mears Student Writing Competition & Scholarship Awards**

***Deadline for entry: January***

Award: \$1,000. ([www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/ABA\\_Student\\_Writing\\_Flyer\\_2010.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/ABA_Student_Writing_Flyer_2010.pdf))

### ***Intellectual Property***

#### **ABA-BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law**

***Deadline for entry: Ongoing--winners chosen by participating schools.***

Award: ([http://storefront.bnabooks.com/epages/bnastore.sf/en\\_US/?ObjectPath=/Shops/bnastore/Categories/"ABA-BNA Award Program For Excellence"/Award-Intellectual Property Law](http://storefront.bnabooks.com/epages/bnastore.sf/en_US/?ObjectPath=/Shops/bnastore/Categories/))

### ***Labor and Employment Law***

#### **American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law &**

#### **College of Labor and Employment Lawyers Annual Law Student Writing Competition**

***Postmarked entry deadline: May***

Award: \$1,500; possible publication in the *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law*. ([www.law.umn.edu/abajel/2010-2011-national-student-writing-competition.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/abajel/2010-2011-national-student-writing-competition.html))

### ***Law and National Security***

#### **National Security Writing Competition**

***Postmarked entry deadline: August***

Award: \$500; free registration to Fall National Security Law Annual Review Conference. ([www.abanet.org/natsecurity/writing\\_competition.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/natsecurity/writing_competition.shtml))

### ***Lawyers' Professional Liability Standing Committee and Long & Levit LLP***

#### **Levit Essay Contest on Lawyers' Professional Liability**

***Postmark entry deadline: February***

Award: \$5,000; expense-paid trip to the Spring National Legal Malpractice Conference. Entrants must be a member of the ABA Law Student Division or Young Lawyers Division no later than February 15 to be eligible. ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit/levit.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit/levit.html))

### ***Mental and Physical Disability Law***

#### **Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition**

***Entry deadline: June***

Award: \$300 to \$500; possible publication in the *ABA Mental and Physical Disability Law Reporter*. ([www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal\\_writing/writingcomp.cfm](http://www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal_writing/writingcomp.cfm))

### ***Public Contract Law***

#### **Writing Competition**

***Entry Deadline: September***

Award: 1st place \$5,000; publication in the *Public Contract Law Journal*; and possible presentation of paper at the Federal Procurement Institute. 2nd Place, \$2,500 and 3rd place, \$1,000. ([www.abanet.org/abapubs/PublicContract/writing.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/PublicContract/writing.pdf))

### ***Public Education***

#### **Judge Edward R. Finch Law Day Speech Award**

***Entry Deadline: June***

Award: Inscribed plaque and \$100 toward purchase of Law Day materials. Winning entries will be prominently featured in next year's planning guide and on the Law Day website. ([www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.shtml))

### ***Public Education***

#### **Law Day Activity Award**

***Entry Deadline: June***

Award: \$100 toward purchase of Law Day materials. Winning entries will be prominently featured in next year's planning guide and on the Law Day website. ([www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.shtml))

### ***Public Utility, Communications and Transportation***

#### **K. William Kolbe Law Student Writing Competition**

***Entry Deadline: June***

Award: \$2,500; free membership in the Section for one year after graduation; and airfare and hotel accommodations to attend the Section's Fall Council Group Meeting. (<http://new.abanet.org/sections/publicutility/Pages/default.aspx>)



### **Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section**

#### **RPTE Section Student Writing Contest**

**Postmark entry deadline: June**

Award: \$2,000; expense-paid trip to attend the Section's Fall Council Meeting; and one-year free Section membership. ([www.abanet.org/rppt/section\\_info/lawstudents/home.html#contest](http://www.abanet.org/rppt/section_info/lawstudents/home.html#contest))

### **State and Local Government**

#### **Smith-Babcock-Williams Writing Competition**

**Entry Deadline: June**

Award: 2,500 and will be submitted for publication in *The Urban Lawyer*, the law journal of the American Bar Association's Section of State & Local Government Law ([www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/](http://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandlaw/writingcompetition/))

### **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS)**

#### **Law Student Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: March**

First Place Award: \$1,500; airfare and lodging to ABA Annual Meeting; and possible publication in *Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal*. Second Place Award: \$500. All winners will be announced in the Section's magazine, *The Brief*. ([www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/home.html))

## **Other Essay and Writing Contests**

### **Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF)**

#### **Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: June**

Award: \$1,500 and publication in the *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal*. ([www.aefdc.org](http://www.aefdc.org))

### **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees**

#### **Law Student Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: April**

Award: Varies each year. Refer to website for details as they are released. (<http://www.nactt.com/>)

### **The National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Bar Association**

#### **Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**

**Entry deadline: June**

Awards: Cash prizes. First-place winner will also receive registration, airfare and lodging to attend the Lavender Law Conference. (<http://nlgl.org/competition.html>)

### **Hofstra Law School and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts**

#### **Family Law Writing Competition**

**Article submission deadline: March**

Eligibility: Law students

Award: \$500 and possible publication in the *Family Court Review*. (<http://law.hofstra.edu/fcr>)

## **Awards**

Be sure to see the complete list of ABA Law Student Division' awards presented to law students, law schools and law school organizations during the ABA Annual Meeting ([www.abanet.org/lzd/awards/](http://www.abanet.org/lzd/awards/)).

### **Center for Professional Responsibility**

#### **E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award**

**Entry deadline: March**

Award: \$3,500 to a law school or law organization

Recognizes projects contributing to the understanding of professionalism among lawyers. Law schools, bar associations, law firms and other law-related organizations are eligible. ([www.abanet.org/cpr/awards/gambrell.html](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/awards/gambrell.html))

### **Intellectual Property**

#### **The Jan Jancin Award**

**Nomination deadline: June**

Award: \$5,000 to an outstanding third year law student who has demonstrated excellence in the area of intellectual property. ([www.aiplef.org/scholarships/jan\\_jancin/](http://www.aiplef.org/scholarships/jan_jancin/))

## Selecting a Practice Setting

Many ABA entities provide information and guidelines for law students interested in their specific area of law. A sampling of the resources available to help law student refine their legal education and career expectations while still in law school are listed below:

- Choosing a Career Path (<http://new.abanet.org/careercenter/pages/careerpath.aspx>)
- Starting a Career in Children's Law ([www.abanet.org/child/career\\_info.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/child/career_info.shtml))
- Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division Career Center ([www.abanet.org/govpub/ccip.html](http://www.abanet.org/govpub/ccip.html))
- Careers in Intellectual Property Law ([www.abanet.org/intelprop/careers.html](http://www.abanet.org/intelprop/careers.html))
- Careers in Intellectual Property for Non-Technical Students ([www.abanet.org/intelprop/RoecareersinIPfornontechnicalstudentsFINAL.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/intelprop/RoecareersinIPfornontechnicalstudentsFINAL.pdf))
- Careers in International Law Podcast ([www.abanet.org/intlaw/audio\\_video/Careers-in-International-Law.mp3](http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/audio_video/Careers-in-International-Law.mp3))
- Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service and Center for Pro Bono ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools.shtml#public\\_service](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools.shtml#public_service))
- What does a Public Contract Lawyer Do? ([http://meetings.abanet.org/webupload/commupload/PC800700/sitesofinterest\\_files/Whatdoesapubliccontractlawyerdo.pdf](http://meetings.abanet.org/webupload/commupload/PC800700/sitesofinterest_files/Whatdoesapubliccontractlawyerdo.pdf))
- Collection of Articles for Selecting a Practice Setting ([http://meetings.abanet.org/webupload/commupload/PC800700/sitesofinterest\\_files/Whatdoesapubliccontractlawyerdo.pdf](http://meetings.abanet.org/webupload/commupload/PC800700/sitesofinterest_files/Whatdoesapubliccontractlawyerdo.pdf))

## Find a Mentor

### **Mental and Physical Disabilities Law**

#### ***Mentor Program for Students with Disabilities***

This program is open to all law students with physical, mental, or learning disabilities. Students are paired with practicing attorneys, based on the student's interest in either being matched according to disability, geographical location, or area of interest. Mentors offer students both academic and career advice, in addition to insights into the private and government sectors. ([www.abanet.org/disability/subcommittee/mentor.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/disability/subcommittee/mentor.shtml))

### **General Practice, Solo and Small Firms Division**

#### ***Mentoring Certificate Program***

The ABA General Practice, Solo and Small Firms Division offers a Mentoring Certificate Program for law students designed to expand upon traditional law school education, by focusing on introducing law students to the practical aspects of being a lawyer through real world activities and through the mentor's insight and guidance. Further, the program is flexible, enabling law students to pick their own mentor and tailor the program's criteria to their own interests. ([www.abanet.org/genpractice/lawstudents/mentoringcertificate.html](http://www.abanet.org/genpractice/lawstudents/mentoringcertificate.html))

### **Young Lawyers Division**

#### ***Mentorship Project***

The Mentorship Project is an online collection of resources, designed for mentors, mentees, and organizations. As part of the project the YLD teamed with StoryCorps® ([www.storycorps.net](http://www.storycorps.net)) to share stories on mentorship in the legal profession. StoryCorps® is an independent nonprofit project whose mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening. ([www.abanet.org/mentoring/](http://www.abanet.org/mentoring/))

## Find a Support Group

### **Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs**

#### ***Listserve for Law Students in Recovery***

The Students in Recovery listserve has been developed by the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP) to provide a confidential email vehicle for law students who want to get, or stay, clean and sober while in law school. This is a chance for students to connect with and ask questions of their law student peers throughout the US and share their experience, strength and hope. To be added to the listserve, interested law students should contact Matthew Reel ([matthew@arjlap.org](mailto:matthew@arjlap.org)). Students should be prepared to talk a bit about their history and about their need and desire to communicate with other law students facing similar challenges. Mr. Reel will make the final determination to add the student to the Listserve and will provide each student with the rules and regulations regarding use of the "Students in Recovery Listserve." When a student graduates and is admitted to the bar, he/she will be removed from the Listserv.

**This service is confidential.** ([www.abanet.org/legalservices/colap/](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/colap/))

## **Networking Opportunities Through ABA Specialty Practice Groups**

Sections, Divisions and Forum Committees draw their membership from law professionals with common professional interests, and operate much like independent bar associations with their own officers, dues and committees. They address professional development, improvement of laws, and continuing education through the work of committees, publications, periodicals and journals.

- Directory of Sections, Divisions and Forums (<http://new.abanet.org/members/topic.aspx?Topic=SectionsDivisionsandForums>)
- Find a Specific ABA Entity ([www.abanet.org/memborgroups.html](http://www.abanet.org/memborgroups.html))

Many ABA Sections, Divisions and Forum Committees offer free or substantially reduced membership fees to law students. For links these entities, visit <http://abaforlawstudents.org/practice.html>.

- Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice\*
- Affordable Housing and Community Development Law (Forum)\*
- Air and Space Law (Forum)\*
- Antitrust
- Business Law\*
- Career Center
- Communications Law (Forum)\*
- Construction Industry (Forum)
- Criminal Justice\*
- Dispute Resolution\*
- Entertainment and Sports Industries (Forum)
- Environment, Energy and Resources Law
- Family Law
- Franchising (Forum)
- General Practice Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Division\*
- Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division\*
- Health Law
- Individual Rights and Responsibilities\*
- Intellectual Property Law\*
- International Law\*
- Judicial Division
- Labor and Employment Law\*
- Law Practice Management\*
- Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Litigation\*
- Professional Responsibility
- Public Contract Law\*
- Public Utility, Communication and Transportation\*
- Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
- Senior Lawyers
- Science and Technology Law\*
- State and Local Government Law\*
- Taxation\*
- Tort Trial and Insurance Practice\*
- Young Lawyers

\*Indicates entity membership is free to ABA Law Student Division members.

## **Law Student Specific Resources From ABA Specialty Practice Groups**

ABA entities that provide webpages specific to the needs of law students include the following. See [www.abanet.org/ltd/resources/#seno](http://www.abanet.org/ltd/resources/#seno) for direct links to these student pages.

- Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
- Antitrust
- Business Law
- Career Center
- Criminal Justice
- Dispute Resolution
- Environment, Energy and Resources Law
- Ethnic and Racial Diversity, Commission on
- Family Law
- General Practice Solo and Small Firm Practitioners
- Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law and Aging, Commission on
- Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Pro Bono, Standing Committee on
- Public Contract Law
- Public Utility, Communication and Transportation
- Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
- Science and Technology Law
- State and Local Government Law
- Tort Trial and Insurance Practice

## Learn About Legal Specialties Through ABA Law School Campus Visits

### Learn From Legal Professionals on the Front Lines

Many ABA specialty practice groups will be happy to arrange for attorneys to visit your law school to talk to students about their area of legal expertise and how law students can prepare to enter their specialized area of the law. A sampling of such programs include the following.

#### Antitrust Law

##### *Why Antitrust?*

"Why Antitrust?" was developed by the ABA Section of Antitrust Law to encourage law students to consider antitrust law as a career. Representatives from private firms, the government, in-house and academia come together at various law schools around the country to discuss why they embarked on a career in antitrust, and talk about their experiences and benefits they have realized from practicing in this area of law. ([www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-why-at.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-why-at.shtml))

#### Health Law Section

##### *Campus Programs*

When most people think of health law, they think of Medical Malpractice. Health law encompasses so much more, touching on employment laws, contracts, transactional issues, and yes, even medical malpractice. Does your school have a Health Law organization? Would you like access to experienced health law attorneys to speak at your school? The Health Law Section can help. For more information, contact Simeone Carson ([carsons@staff.abanet.org](mailto:carsons@staff.abanet.org)) with the Section of Health Law. ([www.abanet.org/health/](http://www.abanet.org/health/))

#### International Law

##### *Pathways to Employment in International Law*

The Section of International Law invites your law school to join their national tour! If you are interested in attending a program or hosting one at your law school, please contact Angela Benson ([bensona@staff.abanet.org](mailto:bensona@staff.abanet.org) or 202/662-1664). ([www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html))

#### Labor and Employment Law

##### *Student Panel Discussions*

Interested in a career in labor & employment law? Attend a luncheon panel discussion with experienced practitioners representing employers, unions, plaintiff, government, and neutrals at your school. To host a panel at your school, contact Tracy Moore ([mooret@staff.abanet.org](mailto:mooret@staff.abanet.org)) with the Section of Labor and Employment Law. ([www.abanet.org/labor/lawstudents/home.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/labor/lawstudents/home.shtml))

## Opportunities to Get Published

ABA Law Student Division members who join a Section, Division or Forum Committee, can receive that entity's news periodicals as part of their membership. A complete list of ABA periodicals can be found on the ABA website. If you don't currently belong to an ABA Section, please visit MyABA or call the ABA Service Center at 800.285.2221. Most sections are free to law students.

#### Law Student Division

##### *Student Lawyer magazine*

Award-winning magazine published each month September through May provides guidance on educational, career, and related issues for ABA Law Student Division members and others. See the Writers Guidelines ([www.abanet.org/lsd/studentlawyer/writers.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/studentlawyer/writers.pdf)) for freelance writer submissions. ([www.abanet.org/lsd/studentlawyer/](http://www.abanet.org/lsd/studentlawyer/))

#### Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

##### *Administrative Law Review*

Published four times annually by the students of the Washington College of Law and contains student comments and casenotes on administrative law issues. In addition, the ALR regularly publishes symposia, conferences, and meetings on current topics in administrative law. ([www.abanet.org/adminlaw/Adminlaw-review.html](http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/Adminlaw-review.html))

#### Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice

##### *TIPster Newsletter*

Published quarterly by the law student members of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. ([www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/tipster.html](http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/tipster.html))

## Student Periodicals and Other Publications with a Student Section

- General Practice, Solo and Small Firm -- *The New Lawyer*
- Science and Technology Law – *Jurimetrics: Journal of Science & Technology*
- Taxation - *The Tax Lawyer*

## Specialty Publications

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### Magazines

*ABA Journal*

Section of Antitrust Law - *Antitrust*

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice – *The Brief*

Criminal Justice Section - *Criminal Justice*

Section of Dispute Resolution - *Dispute Resolution*

Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries - *Entertainment and Sports Lawyer*

Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources - *Natural Resources & Environment*

Senior Lawyers Division - *Experience*

Family Law Section - *Family Advocate*

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division - *GP Solo*

Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities - *Human Rights*

Section of Intellectual Property Law - *Landslide*

Judicial Division - *The Judges' Journal*

Law Practice Management Section - *Law Practice: The Business of Practicing Law*

Section of Litigation - *Litigation*

Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law - *Probate and Property*

Center for Professional Responsibility - *The Professional Lawyer*

Section of Science and Technology Law - *SciTech Lawyer*

### Journals

Forum on Affordable Housing & Community Development Law - *Affordable Housing & Community Development Law*

Section of Antitrust Law - *Antitrust Law Journal*

Section of Business Law - *The Business Lawyer*

Forum on the Construction Industry - *The Construction Lawyer*

Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources - *Environment, Energy and Resources*

Section of Family Law - *Family Law Quarterly*

Forum on Franchising - *Franchise Law Journal*

Section of International Law - *The International Lawyer*

Section of Labor and Employment Law - *The Labor Lawyer*

Commission on Mental and Physical Disabilities Law - *Law Digest and the Law Reporter*

Section of Public Contract Law - *Public Contract Law Journal*

Section of Public Utility, Communications & Transportation Law - *Public Utility, Communication and Transportation Law*

Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law - *Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Journal*

Section of Taxation - *The State and Local Tax Lawyer*

Section of Tort Trial and Insurance Practice - *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*

Section of State and Local Government - *The Urban Lawyer*

### Newsletters

Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice - *Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice News*

Forum on the Air and Space Industry - *The Air & Space Lawyer*

American Bar Association Publishing - *Inside Practice* (eNewsletter)

Center on Children and the Law - *Child Law Practice*

Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries - *Entertainment & Sports Lawyer*

Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Law - *Trends*

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division - *GPSolo New Lawyer*

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division - *GPSolo Technology eReport*

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division – *Solo*  
Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division - *Public Lawyer*  
Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities - *IRR Report*  
Section of International Law - *International Law News*  
Judicial Division - *Judicial Division Record*  
Section of Labor and Employment Law - *Labor & Employment Law News*  
Section of Law Practice Management - *Law Practice Today* (eNewsletter)  
Law Student Division - *Law Student News and Activities* (eNewsletter)  
Section of Litigation - *Litigation News*  
Section of Litigation: Business Torts Litigation Committee - *Business Torts Journal*  
Section of Litigation: Construction Litigation Committee - *Construct!*  
Section of Litigation: Corporate Counsel Committee - *Corporate Counsel*  
Section of Litigation: Minority Trial Lawyers Committee - *Minority Trial Lawyers*  
Section of Public Contract Law - *The Procurement Lawyer*  
Section of Science and Technology Law - *The Bulletin* (eNewsletter)  
Senior Lawyers Division - *Voice of Experience*  
Section of State and Local Government Law - *State & Local Law News*  
Section of Taxation - *News Quarterly*  
Section of Tort Trial and Insurance Practice – *TortSource*  
Commission on Women in the Profession - *Perspectives*  
Young Lawyers Division - *The Young Lawyer*  
Young Lawyers Division: Affiliate Outreach Project - *The Affiliate*

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