



### Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay

The Schwab Memorial Essay contest is held annually by the Section of Family Law. The purpose of the contest is to create greater interest in the field of Family Law among all law students across the nation, and particularly the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. There were 22 essay entries received this year from all over the country.

Winners of the 2005 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Karly Grossman, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA.  
"Transsexuals and the Legal Determination of Sex."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Melissa Kucinski, Pace University School of Law, White Plains, NY. "New York's Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages."

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Matthew Pakula, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI.  
"A Federal Filial Responsibility Statute: A Uniform Tool to Help Combat the Wave of Indigent Elderly."

The Section of Family Law would like to thank Professor Jeff Atkinson for his service as Chair of the Schwab Essay Contest as well as all the judges for this year's competition: Jane Murphy, Iris Burke, and Melanie Brown.

The 2006 contest will begin in late fall when letters announcing eligibility requirements are mailed to deans and family law professors at all ABA-approved law schools.