



## 2004 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Results

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest. The contest was very successful again this year, yielding more than 80 requests for entry forms and almost 40 essays entered.

The winners all received a cash prize, consideration for publication in the Section's Family Law Quarterly, and a free student membership for those Students who were ABA members.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Marcia Yablon, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT. "The Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments and the Fate of the Indian Family."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Alyssa Rower, Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC. "The Legality of Polygamy: A Discussion of Whether Polygamy Should be Legalized under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment following Lawrence v. Texas."

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Matthew Astle, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA. "An Ounce of Prevention: Marital Counseling Laws as an Anti-Divorce Measure."

The Section of Family Law would like to thank Mr. Russ Coombs for his 17 years of service as Chair of the Schwab Essay Contest as well as all the judges for this years' competition: Jeff Atkinson, Jane Murphy, Iris Burke, and Melissa Brown.

We will begin marketing efforts for the 2005 contest in late fall, when letters announcing the contest and eligibility requirements will be mailed to family law professors and current student members of the Section at all ABA-approved law schools. The information we be disseminated to law students across the country, thereby continuing the tradition of the Howard C. Schwab memorial essay contest.

If you would like additional information about contest, eligibility requirements or obtaining an entry form, please visit our web site at <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.html>  
**The deadline for entry is Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005**