



Section News

2003 Jacques T. Schlenger Student Writing Contest Winners

First place winner is **Catherine Vogel, University of Houston**, for her submission, "Military Readiness and Environmental Security—Can They Coexist?" Second place winner is **Jared Adams, University of Washington**, for his essay, "Look Again: There is More Than a Healthy Difference Between Life Settlements and Viaticals." In third place is **Jennifer Eastman, College of William & Mary** in Williamsburg, Virginia, for her essay, "Toward a New Paradigm of Attorney-Client Relationships for Clients with Dementia."

The competition is named in memory of Jacques T. Schlenger, a nationally renowned estate planning lawyer, founder of the Venable Foundation, and a member of the Section for 45 years. The award is co-sponsored by the Venable Foundation, which was established in 1981. The foundation promotes the health and well-being of the communities where Venable clients and lawyers work and live and supports a wide range of civic, cultural, and charitable endeavors as well as public interest law and legal education.

The award is designed to foster interest, encourage legal scholarship, and reward law student writing on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current national interest. The competition is open to all full-time law students in ABA-approved law schools in the United States and its possessions. In announcing the winners, Section Chair Philip J. Bagley III of Richmond, Virginia, said, "The recognition conveyed by this award signifies the important role of real property, probate, and trust law and the need to nurture law students to help prepare them for practice in this important field."

For more information about the writing competition, contact Anne Hoenig, ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, at (312) 988-5590, or visit the Section web site at www.abanet.org/rppt. ■

National Health Care Decisions Week

Americans facing the illness or death of a loved one often find it hard to make decisions affecting treatment and end-of-life care. The American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law has been working to increase public awareness about the value of making advance health care decisions.

During National Health Care Decisions Week, Oct. 17–23, 2004, state and local bar associations nationwide, in partnership with community medical organizations, will provide outreach and educational efforts about health care decision-making. Now in its fourth year, National Health Care Decisions Week is co-sponsored by the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, and the National Bar Association, with funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information about National Health Care Decisions Week 2004 and materials about health care advance directives and organ and tissue donation, visit the Section's web site at www.abanet.org/rppt, call Anne Hoenig at (312) 988-5590, or e-mail ahoenig@staff.abanet.org. Other ABA entities supporting this effort include the Sections of Dispute Resolution, Family Law, Health Law, Law Practice Management, and State and Local Government Law; the Divisions of Government and Public Sector Lawyers, Senior Lawyers, and Young Lawyers; and the Commission on Law and Aging. ■