



## Section News

### 2005 Student Writing Contest Deadline Set for June 15

The Jacques T. Schlenger Student Writing Contest is open to all law students currently attending an ABA-accredited law school. The contest is designed to encourage and reward law student writing on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current interest. The contest is named in honor of the late Jacques T. Schlenger, a nationally renowned estate planning lawyer, founder of the Venable Foundation, and a Section member for 45 years. Established in 1981, the Venable Foundation works to promote the health and well-being of the communities where Venable's clients and attorneys work and live. The Venable Foundation supports a wide range of civic, cultural, and charitable

endeavors, as well as public interest law and legal education.

The first place winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 (together with a one-year free membership in the Section and an expense-paid trip to the Section's Fall Council Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in November 2005), with the second and third place winners receiving cash prizes of \$500 and \$250, respectively.

Complete rules as well as an entry form are available online at [www.abanet.org/rppt/writingcontest](http://www.abanet.org/rppt/writingcontest). For information, please contact the coordinator of the contest, Kevin L. Shepherd, at [klshepherd@venable.com](mailto:klshepherd@venable.com).

The deadline for submitting papers is **June 15, 2005**. ■

### Section Announces Fifth Year of Fellowship Program

The Fellowship program, now in its fifth year, represents a commitment by the Section to increase the participation of young lawyers in Section activities. The goal of the program is to give young lawyers an opportunity to become involved in the substantive work of the Section, to develop future leaders of the Section, and to enhance knowledge about the work of the Section among young lawyers. In exchange for a commitment to do substantive work and membership recruitment for the Section, Fellows receive an expense reimbursement budget and invitations to certain leadership events.

The Fellowship appointment is for two years. Four Fellows will be selected from among the applicants. To be considered for selection, a young lawyer (1) must have prac-

ticed in the probate (including trusts and estates) or real property area for at least one year (and be younger than 36 years of age or have been admitted to the bar less than ten years) and (2) should have demonstrated leadership at the state or local bar level or in the ABA's Young Lawyers Division. As part of the Section's commitment to diversity, at least two of the four Fellows selected will be minority applicants.

For a full description of a Fellow's role and responsibilities, please visit [www.abanet.org/rppt/fellows.html](http://www.abanet.org/rppt/fellows.html).

Applications are due by **June 3, 2005**.

Fellows will be notified of their appointment by early July. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Gorin at (314) 552-6151 or [sgorin@thompsoncoburn.com](mailto:sgorin@thompsoncoburn.com). ■