



Section News

Ray Werner to Serve on Board of Governors

RPPT is pleased to announce that Raymond J. Werner of Chicago will serve as a Section-at-Large representative on the ABA Board of Governors from 2005 through 2008.

Werner chairs the executive committee of the Chicago firm of Arnstein & Lehr LLP, where he represents purchasers, owners, developers, landlords, tenants, lenders, and borrowers in connection with all types of property transactions. He also represents lenders in structuring loan programs, originating individual loans, and enforcing of lenders' rights and remedies.

An active member of the Section, Werner has served as RPPT Section Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, as a member of Section Council, and as Section advisor to the NCCUSL Joint Editorial Board for Real Property Acts.

He is a member and former chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Real Property Committee, a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the International Council of Shopping Centers, and the U.S. president-elect of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute. He is a frequent author of articles in bar publications and speaker at bar-sponsored CLE programs.

Werner received his Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University.

We congratulate Ray on this honor. ■

RPPT Announces 2005 Jacques T. Schlenger Student Writing Contest Winners

First place winner is **Craig S. Kaufman**, Temple University, for his submission, "Sympathy for the Devil's Advocate: Assisting the Attorney General When Charitable Matters Reach the Courtroom." Second place winner is **Adrienne Iwamoto Suarez**, University of Hawaii, for her essay, "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions on Free Speech?" In third place is **Jennifer Felten**, Southwestern University, for her essay, "Brownfield Redevelopment 1995-2005: An Environmental Justice Success Story?"

The first-place winner receives \$2,000 cash and a one-year membership in the RPPT Section, plus round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the Section's Fall Council Meeting. The first-place winner's essay will be considered for publication in *Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal*. The second- and third-place winners receive \$500 and \$250 cash, respectively.

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.

For more information about the writing competition, contact Rob King, ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, at (312) 988-5540, or visit the Section web site at www.abanet.org/rppt. ■