



Section News

RPPT Announces 2006 Quarles & Brady Prize in Property & Probate Scholarship Student Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations to first place winner **Michael J. Percy, Santa Clara University School of Law**, for his submission, "Delta Levees—Tort Immunity vs. Takings Liability." The second place winner is **Jeremy R. Moss, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America**, for his essay, "A Win-Win Situation: Self-Evaluation by Homeowners' Associations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions in Light of the First Amendment Rights of Their Residents." In third place is **William H. Woolston, College of William and Mary School of Law**, for his essay, "Whose Money Is It, Anyway? The Case for a Mortality Discount for Early Termination Lump Sum Distributions in Cash Between Plans."

The first-place winner will receive \$2,000 cash and a one-year free membership in the Section (valued at \$50), plus free round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the Section's Fall Council Meeting November 2-5, 2006, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The first-place winner's essay will be considered for publication in the *Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal* and may appear in an upcoming issue. The second-place winner will receive \$500 cash, and the third-place winner will receive \$250 cash.

The goal of the Quarles & Brady Prize in Property & Probate Scholarship is to encourage and reward law student writing on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current interest. As part of this effort, the ABA and Quarles & Brady LLP will sponsor the contest, which requests that law school students submit to the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law original essays on a current topic dealing with real property, probate, or trust law. The essay contest is designed to attract students to the real property, probate, and trust law field and to

strongly encourage scholarship in these areas. The Quarles & Brady Prize is sponsored by the real estate and estate planning practice groups of Quarles & Brady LLP, a distinguished group of more than 70 lawyers practicing nationwide from the firm's offices in Phoenix, Milwaukee, Chicago, Tucson, Naples, and Madison (Wisconsin). Quarles & Brady has long supported the Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law with Section officers, council members, standing committee participants, and committee chairs and has played a leadership role in many of the key organizations (including ACREL, ACTEC, ACMA, and the American Law Institute) that help to shape the practice. "Our sponsorship reflects our long-standing commitment to serve the profession as well and as honorably as we serve our clients," said Patrick M. Ryan, chair of Quarles & Brady's Executive Committee. "We hope that our participation will encourage the best young lawyers now entering the real estate and estate planning fields to make a similar commitment."

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

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