

## RPTE Announces Eighth Year of the Fellowship Program



### Section News

The Fellowship Program is designed 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 RPTE Section while developing into future leaders of the Section. The Fellows will gain a considerable amount of knowledge about the work of the Section and about real property, trust, and estate practice.

The Fellowship appointment is for two years. To be considered for selection, a person (1) must have practiced in the trusts and estates or real property areas for at least one year (and be younger than 36 years of age or have been admitted to the bar less than 10 years) and (2) should have demonstrated leadership at the state or local bar level or in the ABA Young Lawyers Division. As part of the Section's commitment to diversity, one-half of the Fellows selected will be minority applicants. The Fellows also will receive an expense reimbursement budget and invitations to leadership events.

For a full description of a Fellow's role and responsibilities, please visit [www.abanet.org/rpte/fellows](http://www.abanet.org/rpte/fellows). Applications are due by **June 20, 2008**. 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 by e-mail at [sgorin@thompsoncoburn.com](mailto:sgorin@thompsoncoburn.com). ■

## 2008 Student Writing Contest

The 2008 Student Writing Contest is sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law Graduate Programs in Estate Planning and Real Property Development. The contest is open to all law students currently attending an ABA-accredited law school. It is designed to encourage and reward law student writing on real property, trust, and estate law subjects of general and current interest. The University of Miami School of Law offers the nation's only full-time program leading to a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Estate Planning. The program explores the areas necessary to the development of a competent estate planner, including the applicable income and wealth transfer tax laws, planning strategies, fiduciary administration, drafting, ethics, and the use of technological aids in the planning process. The Graduate Program in Real Property Development provides an advanced educational opportunity for lawyers dedicated to working in the real estate field either as attorneys or as entrepreneurs. The program is designed both for recent law school graduates and for practitioners inter-

ested in redirecting or fine-tuning their practices.

The 2008 first-place winner will receive \$1,500 cash and a one-year membership in the RPTE Section. The winner also will receive free round-trip airfare and weekend accommodations to attend the RPTE Fall Leadership Meeting, November 5-9, in Montreal, Quebec (valued at approximately \$1,000). In addition, the winner's essay will be considered for publication in a future issue of the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Journal* and announced in *Probate & Property*. The second-place winner will receive \$700 cash and will be announced in *Probate & Property*. The third-place winner will receive \$500 cash and an honorable mention in *Probate & Property*.

Complete rules as well as the entry form are available online at [www.abanet.org/rpte/section\\_info/lawstudents](http://www.abanet.org/rpte/section_info/lawstudents). For more information, please contact the contest coordinator, Amanda S. Johnson, at [johnsona@staff.abanet.org](mailto:johnsona@staff.abanet.org). The deadline for submitting papers is **June 20, 2008**. ■



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