



Section News

Section Announces Sixth Year of Fellows Program

The Fellows Program, now in its sixth year, represents a commitment by the RPPT 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 Fellows 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 practiced 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 10 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.

Applications are due by **June 1, 2006**.

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, sgorin@thompsoncoburn.com, or Kalimah White at (302) 792-1989, ext. 13, kalimah.white@nationalcity.com. ■

2006 Student Writing Contest Deadline Set for June 15

Law students can win up to \$2,000 in the 2006 RPPT Student Writing Contest.

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 Scottsdale, Arizona, in November), with the second and third place winners receiving cash prizes of \$500 and \$250, respectively.

The 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.

Complete rules as well as an entry form are available online at www.abanet.org/rppt/writingcontest. For information, please contact the

Section at rppt@abanet.org.

The deadline for submitting papers is **June 15, 2006**. ■

Synergy Summit

Representatives of the ABA Sections of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law and Taxation, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals met on August 5, 2005, to discover areas of common interest among the seven organizations. This first-ever "synergy summit" revealed a common interest in sharing educational resources, in working cooperatively to study and comment on regulations and proposed legislation, and in increasing awareness of each group's contribution to the profession. The summit members will meet annually at members' annual meeting venues and by conference calls and listserv communications between annual events. ■