

# 2009 JAMES BOSKEY DISPUTE RESOLUTION ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM AND PROCEDURES

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Law Student Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the selection of the winning entry is the sole responsibility of the Section of Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association, and acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the competition procedures to which I agree. In the event I am selected as the winner, the American Bar Association shall have permission to publish my essay online. I may be invited to publish with *Dispute Resolution Magazine*. If I attempt to publish my essay elsewhere, I will inform the publisher that if my essay is selected as the winner, it will be published online as submitted to the ABA.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

One competition prize of \$1,000 dollars will be awarded for the best entry as judged by the Boskey Essay Committee, comprised of representatives from the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the competition is to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among all law students of the nation, particularly the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

## ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all second and third year full time J.D. law students (and second through fourth year part-time students). Employees of the American Bar Association are ineligible to enter the competition. If a student's essay is accepted for publication after submission to the Boskey Essay Competition, the student must inform the publisher that the essay will be published online at the ABA web site if it is selected as a winner of the Competition.

## AUTHORSHIP

Each entry shall be the original work of a single individual and constitute an independent subject. The ideas and work reflected by each entry must be the author's own. The author must perform all of the key tasks of identifying the topic, research it, analyzing it, formulating positions and arguments, and writing and revising the paper for himself or herself. The author may inform another of the progress he or she has made in performing these tasks and accept a reasonable amount of responsive advice from academicians or practitioners in the field but the student must avoid undue collaboration. For example, the author may obtain a professor's opinion that a proposed topic is a good choice, or that a detailed outline should be reorganized, or that a first draft unwisely omits to cover a subtopic or to raise and respond to criticisms of the author's premise. The author must limit the amount of such advice sought or received so that the final entry truly reflects the author's own ideas and work and not that of another.

#### SUBJECT MATTER AND LENGTH

The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. Essays must be limited to **15-25 typewritten pages, plus footnotes or endnotes. The text of the essay must be double-spaced, with twelve-point font and one-inch margins.**

#### JUDGING

The format of this competition has been selected to stimulate creativity of thought and research. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria: clarity of the theme or thesis presented, significance of the topic to the field of conflict resolution, originality and creativity of topic treatment, quality of analysis, quality of research and authority provided, and technical quality of writing including organization, grammar, syntax and form. The entries will be judged anonymously by members of the Boskey Essay Committee, consisting of representatives from the ABA. The winning selection(s) will be made by the Essay Committee and approved by the Chair of the ABA Section. The ABA Section staff will notify the winner(s) of their selection. The ABA Section reserve the right not to award any prizes if it is determined that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection that year.

#### ENTRY PROCEDURE

The official entry form must be completed and returned with the entry. **The contestant's name and other identifying markings such as school name are not to be on any copy of the submitted entry.** The staff of the American Bar Association will assign a random number to each entry and record this number on all copies of each essay submitted. Neither the contestant's identity nor his/her academic institution will be known to the Boskey Essay Committee members or the Chair of the ABA Section doing the judging.

**Essays must be submitted in electronic copy in Word 2003 format.** Each entrant may submit only one essay in the Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition.

#### ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries for the competition must be submitted by Monday, **June 15, 2009**. Electronic entries are to be sent to [waughjos@staff.abanet.org](mailto:waughjos@staff.abanet.org) with the subject header "Attn: Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition." Entrants may send their essays via mail to:

Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition  
c/o Jo Waugh  
ABA Section of Dispute Resolution  
740 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Entries must be postmarked by U.S. mail or recognized commercial express service. Entries submitted by fax will be automatically rejected. Contestants will receive confirmation of the entry. The

winner(s) will be notified by mail of their selection. The James Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition is sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution.