

American Bar Association



Law Student Writing Competition

Guidelines

1. **The Program:** Rolls-Royce North America Inc. (“Rolls-Royce”) has been approved by the Board of Governors of the ABA to establish an annual Forum on Air & Space Law (“Forum”) Law Student Writing Competition with a \$5,000 prize awarded to the winner. The winning article may be published in an issue of *The Air & Space Lawyer* (the “Journal”). This year, the prize will be awarded in Fall 2008 in Montreal, Quebec (Canada) at the Forum’s Annual Meeting.
2. **The Sponsor:** The name for the writing competition will be: The Forum on Air & Space Law Law Student Writing Competition. Rolls-Royce will fund the annual \$5,000 prize and will be listed in the communications regarding the competition as the prize sponsor. Rolls-Royce is the US corporate headquarters for Rolls-Royce plc, a global company providing power for use on land, at sea and in air. The Rolls-Royce Group is a world-leading power systems and services company, with a balanced business portfolio operating in four global markets – civil aerospace, defense aerospace, marine and energy.
3. **Schedule:** The competition announcement will be issued at the Forum’s Update Conference in January 2008. Student submissions will be due by **June 30, 2008** (see Item #8 for submission guidelines). The prize will be awarded during the Forum’s Annual Meeting and Program.
4. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to any matriculated law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, who is attending an ABA-accredited law school within the United States and its possessions. **All authors must be members of the American Bar Association Law Student Division at the time of submitting the entry.** Employees of the ABA, Rolls-Royce and its respective affiliates and immediate family or household members of those employees are not eligible to participate.
5. **Selection:** A committee appointed by the Forum’s Chair (the “Committee”) will select the winning submission. Submitted articles will be judged on the following criteria: relevance, timeliness and importance of the selected topic; organization; quality of analysis; quality of research; and quality of the overall writing (including using endnotes and proper *Blue Book* citation format). Submitted articles will be judged anonymously. The Committee reserves the right not to award the prize if the Committee determines that no entry is of sufficient quality to merit recognition. ABA staff will notify the winner after the Committee selection process is complete.

6. **Topics:** Suggested topics will be included in the competition announcement; however, students are free to select a topic relevant to the aerospace industry. Entrants must submit their own original article. Failure to submit an original article will result in disqualification and the selection of a new winner. Submitted articles must have been written after January 2008 and must never have been published in any other medium or law school publication. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an article are the entrant's responsibility. Topics can be found on the Forum web-site at www.abanet.org/forums/airspace ("Law Students" Tab).
7. **Length/Formatting:** Articles must be formatted for standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper; double-spaced and not exceeding 4000 words, including endnotes. All margins must be at least one-inch. Authors should not use smaller than a 12-point font. Each article should have a title page including the author's name and law school. The author's name should not appear on any other pages of the submission.
8. **Submitting Articles:** Entries must be received (if submitted electronically) or postmarked (if submitted by U.S. Mail or Express Delivery Service) on or before **5:00 p.m. CDT on June 30, 2008** to Dawn Holiday, Forum Manager:
 - a) **Electronically:** E-mail a complete copy of the article (following the formatting guidelines in Item #7) in either Word or PDF format to Dawn Holiday, Forum Manager at holidayd@staff.abanet.org. It is the responsibility of the author to confirm receipt of the article by the Forum (prior to the deadline) if he or she does not receive a confirmation e-mail from the Forum.
 - b) **Via U.S. Mail or Express Delivery Service:** Send a complete copy of the article (following the formatting guidelines in Item #7) to:

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10. **Recognition:** The winner will receive a \$5,000 prize. The Forum will provide waived registration, coach airfare (21-day advance purchase) and two-nights lodging for the winner to attend the conference where the award will be presented. The selected article may be published in an issue of the Journal. Any taxes due on the cash awards are the responsibility of the winners. Only one winner allowed per family or household.