

American Bar Association



2009 Law Student Writing Competition

Guidelines

- The Program:** Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. ("Rolls Royce") has been approved by the Board of Governors of the ABA to establish an annual Law Student writing competition with a 1st Place Prize of \$3,000 (plus travel and accommodations) at the Update Conference and a 2nd Place Prize of \$2,000. The 1st place article may be published in the fall issue of *The Air and Space Lawyer* (the "Journal"). The 1st place prize will be awarded at the 2009 Washington Update Conference in Washington, DC.
- The Sponsor:** The name for the writing competition will be: The Air and Space Lawyer Student Writing Competition. Rolls-Royce will fund the 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.
- Schedule:** Student submissions will be due by **October 2, 2009**. The 1st place winner will be announced at the Update Conference. Winner (s) will be notified by December 18, 2009
- 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.
- Selection:** A panel appointed by the Air and Space Lawyer editorial board, comprised of members of the editorial and governing boards and a representative from Rolls-Royce (the "Selection Board") will select the winning submissions. 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 proper *Blue Book* citation format). Submitted articles will be judged anonymously. The Selection Board reserves the right not to award any prize if the Selection Board determines that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit recognition. ABA staff will notify the winner(s) of their selection.

6. **Topics:** The Air and Space Lawyer editorial board will include suggested topics 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 April 1, 2009 **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 will be available on or before May 30, 2009 at www.abanet.org/forums/airspace (Law Student Tab).
7. **Length:** Essays must be submitted on standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper; double-spaced and not exceeding 4000 words, including endnotes. All margins must equal one-inch.
8. **Submitting Articles:** Entries must be submitted electronically and received on or before October 2, 2009.
9. **Reproduction:** All submitted articles become the property of the ABA. By submitting the articles, the winners give the ABA the right to reproduce any article submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation, as long as the use is for noncommercial purposes. Submitted articles will not be returned.
10. **Recognition:** The first-place winner will receive a \$3,000 prize and the second-place winner will receive a \$2,000 prize. The Forum will provide the first-place winner with waived registration, coach airfare (21-day advance purchase) and two-nights lodging for the Update Conference where the award will be presented. The selected article may be published in the issue of the Air & Space Lawyer. Any taxes due on the cash awards are the responsibility of the winners. Only one winner allowed per family or household.

The winner of the Forum on Air & Space Law 2008 Writing Competition, was Josie Beets of the Brooklyn Law School.

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