

# American Bar Association Law Student Division Monthly Update

## ABA Networking Opportunities, Activities, Programs, Internships, and Scholarships for Law Students February 2008

### Division Activities and Deadlines

#### **Diversity Day -- Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

*To Promote the Full and Equal Participation in the Legal Profession by Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities*

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 4, as the official Diversity Day at law schools across the country. Under the plan, law schools are encouraged to sponsor educational programs and events that teach and foster respect for different races, genders, religions, sexual orientations and individuals with disabilities. For more information about Diversity Day, contact the ABA Law Student Division at [abalsd@abanet.org](mailto:abalsd@abanet.org) or visit <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/diversity/>

#### **Circuit Meetings Bid Farewell to February and Welcome in March**

**Circuits 1, 5, 9, 12, and 13** will convene their Spring Meetings, which include the election of their 2008-2009 Circuit Governor, on Saturday, February 23. **Circuits 3 and 11** will convene their meetings on March 1 and **Circuit 15** will meet in Denver on March 8. The Spring Meetings provide an opportunity for students to network, attend substantive programming and participate in the election of the circuit governor. <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/spring/home.html>

#### **Now Available Online – National Award Nomination Forms**

The Law Student Division presents national awards to ABA-approved law schools, their students and student organizations. Awards include Diversity, Public Interest, Student Bar Associations, Student Bar Association Presidents, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Membership and Activity, and Law School News Publications. **Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2008.** <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/awards/home.html>

## ABA Entities Offer Law Students Opportunities to Build a Networking Base and a Strong Resume

#### **Emerging Issues Conference – Section of Health Law February 20-23, 2008 – San Diego, CA**

The Emerging Issues Conference is a great opportunity for law students to network and learn about the hottest topics in health law. The winner of the Health Law Student Writing Competition will be recognized at this meeting. Discounted registration fee for law students: \$75. [http://www.abanet.org/health/02\\_programs/01\\_emerging\\_issues.html](http://www.abanet.org/health/02_programs/01_emerging_issues.html)

#### **Law Student Vice-Chair Positions – Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)**

Law student leadership in TIPS provides an opportunity to meet and work with trial attorneys, enhance your résumé, and write for national publications. Note: The TIPS Vice-Chair program is an independent program of that ABA section and is not associated with the ABA Law Student Division Liaison program. **Application deadline for a position as a 2008-09 TIPS Law Student Vice-Chair: February 28, 2008.** Terms begin September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. <http://www.abanet.org/tips/lawstudent/vicechairapp.html>

#### **2008 Fellowship Award – Section of Antitrust Law**

The Summer 2008 Section of Antitrust Law Fellowship Award is designed to defray the housing and living expenses of law students pursuing unpaid summer employment opportunities within approved government agencies (federal, state, or international). The Award is dedicated to the enforcement of antitrust laws, or other institutions whose primary mission is to advance the study of antitrust and competition law. Each Fellow will receive a gross award of \$5,000 and may receive reimbursement for certain travel expenses. In addition, each Fellow will be assigned a Section of Antitrust Law Mentor

who will monitor the Fellow's progress. **Applications and all supporting materials must be received by March 28, 2008.** <http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/pdf/fellowship-guidelines-and-application.pdf>

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Institute Series on Legal Writing – ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education

March 21 (Chicago) – April 18 (Atlanta) – May 16 (Los Angeles)

Renowned legal writing instructor Gary Kinder teaches lawyers around the country how to do what he does so well: write precisely, vividly, and memorably. One of the nation's most highly recommended CLEs, his program for litigators has evolved into an all-day presentation of advanced writing techniques that is perfect for young attorneys.

<http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/n08wtc1.html>

## Writing Competitions Offer More Than a Little Extra Cash

**Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and the law firm of Long & Levit LLP**

### 2008 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest

Test your legal-writing mettle and go for the gold in the Levit Essay Contest on lawyers' professional liability subjects.

Award: \$5,000 plus an expense-paid trip to the Spring 2008 National Malpractice Conference in Boston. **Postmark entry deadline: February 22, 2008.** Entrants must be a member of the ABA Law Student Division or Young Lawyers Division as of February 1, 2008 to be eligible. <http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit/levit.html>.

**Section of Science and Technology Law**

### Student Writing Contest

The ABA Section of Science & Technology Law presents a new Law Student Writing Contest addressing the internet and current privacy laws. The winner will receive a trip to the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City and may have his or her submission published in *The SciTech Lawyer*. **Submission deadline: March 1, 2008.** Winners will be notified by June 1, 2008. <http://www.abanet.org/scitech/studentwriting.html>.

**Commission on Domestic Violence**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Student Writing Competition

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Student Writing Competition is made possible by the generous support of Lois Beekman Oliviera. Law students are invited to submit articles addressing domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. **Submission deadline: March 28, 2008.** <http://www.abanet.org/domviol/docs/2008Announcement.pdf>

**Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice**

### Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Contest

Award: \$500 cash prize and round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in *Administrative and Regulatory Law News*. **Entry deadline: March 31, 2008.**

<http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/2008essays/writings.html>

**Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA-SEER), The Environmental Law Institute (ELI), and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies (NAELS)**

### 3rd Annual "Endangered Environmental Laws" Student Writing Competition

**Topic: Any topic addressing recent developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a significant constitutional or "federalism" component.**

The Constitution has long been interpreted by the courts and understood by most Americans to support comprehensive environmental protections. However, arguments targeting the constitutional legitimacy of environmental laws are gaining new traction in the federal courts. To inform the debate, we invite law students to submit papers exploring current issues of constitutional environmental law. Award: \$2,000 cash prize and offer of publication in ELI's Environmental Law Reporter (ELR). **Entry deadline: April 4, 2008-5:00 PM ET** <http://www2.eli.org/writingcontest.htm>

**Section of Family Law**

### Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Section of Family Law since 1985, this writing competition awards first-, second-, and third-place prizes and is designed to enhance law students' interest in the field of family law. Winning essays may be published in the Section's scholarly journal, *Family Law Quarterly*. **Deadline for submission: May 15, 2008.** Winners will be announced in August. <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml>

For more information about the American Bar Association and the Law Student Division, visit <http://www.abanet.org>.