

American Bar Association Law Student Division Monthly Update

ABA Networking Opportunities, Activities, Programs, Internships, and Scholarships for Law Students March 2009

Law Student Division Activities and Deadlines

Arbitration Competition

Congratulations to the 2008-09 National Champions!

Chapman University School of Law

Congratulations to all the teams that competed in the fourth annual Arbitration Competition co-sponsored by the ABA Law Student Division and the National Arbitration Forum. Fourteen teams advanced to the National Finals in San Antonio, TX.

[Show me the final rankings](#)

Negotiation Competition

Congratulations to the 2008-09 National Champions!

Northwestern University School of Law

Congratulations to all the teams that competed in the 25th annual Negotiation Competition sponsored by the ABA Law Student Division and the National Arbitration Forum. Twenty-four teams advanced to the National Finals in Boston, MA. [Show me the final rankings](#)

Law Student Mental Health Day – March 27, 2009

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 27 as the official Law Student Mental Health Day at law schools across the country. Law schools are encouraged to sponsor educational programs and events that teach and foster breaking the stigma associated with severe depression and anxiety amongst law students and lawyers. [Tell me more](#)

2009 National Award Nomination

Be Recognized for Your Accomplishments

Postmark Deadline for Nominations: April 1, 2009

National awards are presented by the ABA Law Student Division to ABA-approved law schools, students and student organizations from ABA-approved law schools in the following categories:

- Diversity Award
- Public Interest Award
- Student Bar Association Award
- Student Bar Association President Award
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Awards
- Membership and Activity Award
- Law School News Publication Awards

All national awards are announced and presented at the ABA Annual Meeting in August. The Division reserves the right not to bestow award(s) in any given year. [Tell me more](#)

News From ABA Law Student Division Entity Liaisons

Each year, the Law Student Division appoints law student liaisons to various ABA specialty sections, divisions, and forum committees. Division liaisons are responsible for reporting to the Division on issues that arise at these entity meetings which pertain to law students and serve as the voice of the Division (in consultation with the Division's national leaders) and law students when they advocate the interests of the Division to their entities. Liaisons are appointed by the Division Chair based on **applications received by February 15** of each year.

Intellectual Property

New Student Webpage Now Available

Check out the [New IP Section law student webpage](#). Also, watch video clips from the recent ABA-IPL Program on Counterfeiting now available on [YouTube](#).

Law Practice Management

Increase Your Marketability During Tough Economic Times

The Law Practice Management Section is your mentor in learning the business of law. Offering publications, teleconference CLE's, and training programs, LPM is the one section every law student should join. During the ABA Midyear meetings in Boston, the e-Lawyering task force held a symposium for law students at Suffolk Law School. The next event is scheduled for New Orleans in May during the LPM-YLD spring meeting. The Techshow Roadshow will be coming to Gulfport, Mississippi March 25th. The ABA Techshow, the world's premier legal technology conference and expo, is coming to Chicago April 2-4. ABA Law Student Division members can join the LPM for free. [Tell me more](#).

Real Property, Trust and Estate Law and Young Lawyer's Network

New Mentoring Program

Law student members of RPTE are eligible for participation in the RPTE mentorship program. Students will be assigned to a young lawyer with a similar background and set of professional interests. Network, seek advice, and get a picture of what real property or trust and estates law practice is like! For more information, contact [Ben Martie](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to RPTE.

Real Property, Trust & Estates - Trust and Estates Division

New Student Discussion Board

Find out about all the new and exciting benefits available to RPTE law student members. For just \$5 beyond your initial ABA membership, students receive opportunities that can help them in their professional career. Also, check out our new student discussion board! For questions, contact [Tyler Pitrat](#), ABA Law Student Division Liaison to RPTE. [Tell me more](#)

Enhance Your Legal Education Without Leaving Home ABA Live Teleconferences and Audio Webcasts

Litigation

Secrets of a Superstar Associate

March 24, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Based on the Litigation Magazine article, *Secrets of the Superstar Associate*, this program will provide young lawyers with specific tips on how to enhance their professional development and distinguish themselves in the competitive legal profession. Join our expert faculty as they discuss how you can build an excellent reputation, think like a partner, exercise good judgment, develop mentors, balance career and personal life, and be indispensable. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Sheena Wade](#). [Tell me more](#)

Immigration

Actions that Affect Applications for U.S. Citizenship

March 25, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

After navigating the labyrinth of immigration laws, naturalization is the final step for thousands of people to achieve their dream of U.S. citizenship. The application for naturalization, a sometimes simple task, can become highly complicated by any criminal history or extensive U.S. absence on the part of the immigrant applicant. Panelists will address the consequences of certain conduct by immigrants, which may surprisingly result in the grant or denial of their applications for U.S. citizenship. This program will benefit both new and experienced practitioners by providing an overview of the naturalization process and the many multi-faceted obstacles that applicants may face. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Althea A. Billins](#). [Tell me more](#)

Science and Technology Law

Redefining the Legal Standard for "Reasonable" Security:

The Far-Reaching Impact of the New Massachusetts Regulations

March 31, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

The new Massachusetts regulations go further than other U.S. states by requiring companies to implement a risk-based, process-oriented, comprehensive, written information security program in line with a detailed list of requirements *and* also encrypt all "personal data" on laptops or other portable devices, all records and files transmitted over public networks to the extent technically feasible, and all data transmitted wirelessly. A panel will discuss the far-reaching impact of the Massachusetts regulations (effective January 1, 2010) against the backdrop of accelerating legislative efforts throughout the U.S. and the rest of the world that are redefining the legal standard for reasonable security. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Enna Rios](#). [Tell me more](#)

Intellectual Property
Live from the 24th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference
April 2-3, 2009

For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Sheena Wade](#).

- **The Year in Trademark**

April 2, 2009 (10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Eastern Time)

A panel of trademark practitioners and key government officials will review the past year's key developments in trademark infringement litigation, Patent and Trademark Office practice and procedures, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board case decisions under the new Board rules, and more. This program is essential for those people who are involved in trademark counseling, trademark enforcement, and/or opposition and cancellation proceedings at the Board. [Tell me more.](#)

- **Best Practices: Developing a Legal Presence in the Virtual World**

April 3, 2009 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Uncover the ethical issues of practicing law in virtual worlds under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and changes that may be necessary to enable more robust participation by lawyers. Learn current “*best practices*” for virtual lawyers as well as legal resources and associations available to those interested in participating in virtual worlds. [Tell me more](#)

- **Earn Your Passport Stamp: Learn Best Practices for Using Arbitration in International IP Disputes (No Visa Required)**

April 3, 2009 (1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time)

Using arbitration in international IP disputes requires special knowledge, skill, and practice. A diverse panel of speakers will discuss the nuts and bolts of using arbitration to resolve international IP disputes, including selecting arbitrators and the best practices for conducting the arbitration. [Tell me more](#)

Health Law

Clinical Trial Billing: Compliance and Enforcement

April 2, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30pm Eastern Time)

Medicare's Clinical Trial Policy (CTP), intended to encourage Medicare beneficiary participation in clinical trials, has established requirements and guidelines for reimbursement of some patient care costs for clinical trial subjects. In October 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a revised CTP that was intended to modify and clarify certain aspects of the original policy. CMS has expressly noted the potential for additional rulemaking and further modification of the CTP in the future. This teleconference will provide guidance on existing CTP requirements, explore current trends and predictions for rulemaking and modification of the Medicare CTP, and address other research compliance issues. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Esther D. Brewer](#). [Tell me more](#)

Construction Industry

Recognizing and Defending Against Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Violations

April 2, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act is increasing at the same time business by American contractors abroad is increasing. Counsel to firms working with overseas governments and officials need to be keenly aware of the Act and know how to respond to alleged violations. This program is ideal for attorneys with clients who are or who might be considering work abroad. Attendees will gain a working overview of the requirements of the Act, leads to resources to help them educate their clients, and strategies for dealing with alleged violations of the Act. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Enna Rios](#). [Tell me more](#)

Health Law

Careers in Health Law: What Do Health Lawyers Do?

April 2, 2009 (4:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

There will be a limited number of call-in lines available for this teleconference, so a couple of caveats are in order: 1) There is no limit to the number of people listening to any given phone line, 2) Prior registration will be required. If there are more registrations than available spots, then preference will be given to campus health law groups (to broaden the available audience) and then to early registrants. Register for the program by sending an email with contact information to [Jill Pena](#), Director, Health Law Section. Directions for accessing the teleconference line will be sent to registrants a few days before the teleconference. Campus health law groups are encouraged to participate in this event! Check with your law school to determine how best to make this teleconference a school event. There will be an opportunity to ask questions via email to the panel (in real time, hopefully). If you can't be there, this teleconference will be recorded and posted on the Health Law Section law student website. All of the speakers are excited about this opportunity to talk to law students, especially during these difficult economic times.

Family Law

What Every Family Law Attorney Needs to Know About Personal Financial Planning in Divorce

April 8, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.)

Review financial planning considerations in divorce including; lump sum payouts versus future income streams; tax issues in divorce; handling the marital residence; managing retirement plans; investment considerations; insurance challenges regarding health, long term disability; life insurance; and more. Additionally, panelists will discuss the factors and elements in the cash flow projections that each party should consider to assist in determining the short, mid, and long term effects of potential settlements. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Brandon Wilhelm](#). [Tell me more](#)

Business Law

Increased Regulation of Lobbying and Other Political Activities

April 8, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Examine the emerging trend of increased restrictions on lobbying activity and campaign finance. Panelists will discuss how to navigate state and federal laws, and explain how and why restrictions are emerging on the state and federal level. Learn how to ensure clients are protected while gaining all of the advantages of a well-run government affairs effort. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Sheena Wade](#). [Tell me more](#)

Labor and Employment Law

Criminal History, Bad Credit Scores, and Hiring Discrimination: New Developments in Title VII Regarding the Use of Criminal Records and Credit History as Hiring Criteria

April 8, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Increasingly, employers are using background checks in the hiring process to screen out applicants who have poor credit or a criminal record. This practice creates legal issues for both employers who seek to set minimum standards for their workforce and individuals who are denied employment based on these characteristics. Moreover, the use of credit history and criminal records as a screen for employment contradicts federal EEO law if the information adversely affects protected groups and fails to satisfy the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. The EEOC is contemplating issuing revised guidance on these issues to assist its stakeholders in establishing best practices in this complex area. The panel includes Stuart Ishimaru, the Acting EEOC Chair; three of the top practitioners in this area; and an accomplished academic who studies the link between race, criminal history records, and discrimination. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Sheena Wade](#). [Tell me more](#)

Health Law

Current Developments in Health Information Technology: Now, the Details and the Drafting!

April 9, 2009 (12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.)

Health information technology issues will challenge health lawyers and their clients like never before, as the Obama administration invests billions of dollars to move the U.S. healthcare system to broad adoption of standards-based electronic health information systems, including electronic health records. Greatly enhanced and more complex privacy and security laws and implementation will mean new negotiating and drafting challenges, and strict enforcement may well follow. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Althea A. Billins](#). [Tell me more](#)

International Law

2008 Financial Crisis: What Do We Need After the Financial Meltdown: The Invisible Hand of the Market or the Visible Hand of Regulation?

April 15, 2009 (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Eastern Time)

Live from the 2009 International Law Spring Meeting

The recent worldwide financial crisis has raised fundamental questions about the wisdom of free market/laissez faire policies and the effectiveness of Adam Smith's "invisible hand". What lessons can be learned as we rake through the embers of an unprecedented era of market deregulation and un-regulation? How can we avoid the mistakes of the past? This program will consider what regulatory responses are appropriate and what role industry-specific and general regulatory regimes, such as the antitrust and securities laws, should play in the new world regulatory order. It will also consider what private sector responses are appropriate, including corporate governance, enforcement of ethical standards, and risk management systems. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Sheena Wade](#). [Tell me more](#)

Lawyer Assistance Programs

Suicide Prevention, Identity and Responsibility

April 22, 2009 (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

This teleconference will address suicide, identifying suicidal tendencies among legal professionals and the role or responsibility employers have as well as the legal profession's place in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the emerging trend lines and potential emergent roles and opportunities. For more information, please contact [Yolanda Muhammad](#)

CLE Now!

Free CLE is now accessible to ABA members at www.abanet.org/cle/cle-now/. Programs are digital downloads that you can access at your convenience. [Complete list of ABA CLE](#), including Live Telconferences and Audio Webcasts.

Strengthen Your Legal Education Experience While Building a Strong Network

Litigation

EPA Enforcement and Regulatory Priorities in the Obama Administration

March 19, 2009 (1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

New York Law School (57 Worth Street, New York, NY)

This program features two panel discussions. The first will address environmental enforcement and litigation from both public and private perspectives. The second panel will cover the greening of remediation/construction, climate change and other “hot topics”. [Tell me more](#)

Standing Committee on Legal Specialization

2009 National Roundtable on Legal Specialization

March 21, 2009

The Mulberry Inn (601 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA)

Take advantage of this opportunity to familiarize yourself with the world of legal specialization. Learn the fundamentals of legal specialization, how it can benefit you and how to go about getting on a track that will get you certified in your area of legal expertise. The day includes a breakfast and a half day of sessions to choose from and the opportunity to meet face-to-face with leading legal specialists and those who certify lawyers. Don't miss this opportunity that could put you one step ahead of the rest! Special discounted rate for ABA Law Student Division members: \$35.00. To register, contact [Sara Pekar](#).

Antitrust

57th Annual Spring Meeting

March 25-27, 2009

JW Marriott Hotel (1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC)

This year's Spring Meeting will focus on how antitrust and consumer protection law is (and is not) changing, with over 40 sessions covering all aspects of U.S. antitrust law, as well as providing substantial coverage of consumer protection law and non-U.S. competition law issues. Presentations will include key agency enforcers, including Breakfast with the FTC Bureau Directors, with the Antitrust Division Department of Justice Deputies, and with key State AG's offices; the heads of competition at DOJ, FTC and EC in a roundtable discussion; and others from around the globe. [Tell me more](#)

Intellectual Property

24th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference: What IP Lawyers Need To Know

April 1-4, 2009

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel (1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA)

Meet the foremost authorities on the state of intellectual property law, including judges, government officials, in-house counsel, academics, and private practitioners during the Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference. [Tell me more](#)

Law Practice Management

ABA TechShow

April 2-4, 2009

Hilton Chicago (720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL)

In its 23rd year, the world's premier legal technology conference and expo, *ABA TechShow*, offers three days of educational sessions in legal technology. More than 100 technology vendors display goods and discuss services during the two-day exposition. Network with over 1,500 conference attendees and choose from 15 exciting educational tracks to customize your *ABA TechShow* experience. LPM is offering the full conference admittance package for **FREE** to ABA Law Student Division members (a \$3,995.00 value). For questions, contact [William Gschwind](#), Law Student Division Liaison to the Law Practice Management Section. [Tell me more](#)

International Law

Spring Meeting

April 14-18, 2009

The Fairmont Hotel (2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC)

Over 1,200 participants from over 50 countries will attend the more than 80 world-class, substantive, programs being presented during three full days of programming in 8 program tracks covering all practice areas of international law: Corporate Counsel/Transactional; Dispute Resolution/Litigation; International Trade/Customs; Regulatory/Regional; Public International Law/Rule of Law; Young Lawyers; Taxation; and Environmental Law/Climate Change, Pathways to Employment in International Law, and many other Student and Young Lawyer programming to jumpstart your career! There is a \$75.00 discount coupon that can be utilized on all ticketed events including luncheons, receptions and after-hour parties. [Tell me more](#)

**Construction Industry
Annual Meeting**

April 16-18, 2009

Sheraton New Orleans (500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA)

This year's program will focus on legal issues regarding sustainable and green building projects. The weekend will be packed not only with great speakers and workshops, but also with opportunities for service, recreation, and of course, networking! The early bird registration deadline of March 23rd is fast approaching, so register today. Law students who register by March 23rd will receive a discount off the already substantially reduced student rate. [Tell me more](#)

Business Law

Annual Spring Meeting

April 16-18, 2009

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre (999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC, Canada)

Actively participating in the Section of Business Law during law school will not only enhance your legal education, but will also equip you to make a smooth transition into your future career. At the Spring Meeting, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about business law through special programming for law students and by participating in networking events. And if that's not enough, Spring Meeting registration is FREE to all ABA Law Student Division members. [Tell me more](#)

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Spring Regulatory Conference

April 16-19, 2009

Kingsmill Resort & Spa (1010 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg, VA)

Law student members of the Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice receive free admission to all three sessions at the Spring Regulatory Conference. Session topics include OIRA Role in the New Administration; Ethics in Government: The Obama Executive Order; and New Financial Rules. [Tell me more](#)

Taxation

May Meeting

May 7-9, 2009

Grand Hyatt Hotel (1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC)

It's more important than ever to learn about the changes in tax laws and regulations that affect business and tax planning. Join the Section of Taxation for timely CLE programs and the opportunity to participate in high-level discussion between private practitioners and government on the most important issues facing tax lawyers today. Registration is free for law students! [Tell me more](#)

Center for Continuing Legal Education

19th Annual National Institute on Health Care Fraud

May 13-15, 2009

Ritz-Carlton Hotel (2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ)

Meet health care attorneys, regulators, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and *qui tam* realtors' counsel who will come together to discuss health care fraud issues and share experiences. For unpublished discounts for ABA Law Student Division members, contact [Althea A. Billins](#). [Tell me more](#)

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

5th Annual Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Institute

June 10, 2009

National Press Club (Washington, DC)

Sessions include: OIRA Oversight in the Obama Administration; Structuring an Effective Comment Process for Rulemaking; Congressional Oversight of Agency Rulemaking; Rulemaking in Crisis Situations; and Effective Appellate Advocacy in Agency Rulemaking and Adjudication Cases: The Judicial Perspective. Registration is greatly discounted for law student members of the Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice and includes lunch. Registration information will be included in the next Law Student Division Monthly Update.

Mental and Physical Disability Law

2nd Annual National Conference on the Employment of Lawyers with Disabilities

June 15-16, 2009

Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC)

This groundbreaking program is designed to encourage legal employers, particularly corporations and law firms, to promote diversity and inclusion within the workplace with emphasis on hiring and retaining lawyers with disabilities. Learn best practices for promoting disability diversity and inclusion and identify legal employers and work settings that are models for the legal profession. Scholarships for lawyers and law students with disabilities to cover lodging and registration costs are available through an application process. For more information, contact [Michael Stratton](#) (202.662.1571). [Tell me more](#)

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

Homelessness and Poverty

John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund

Application Deadline: March 23, 2009

The ABA John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund provides a \$2,500 stipend to three law students who spend their summer months working for a bar association or legal service program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates. [Tell me more](#)

Public Education

Law Day 2009: A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating Lincoln’s Bicentennial

May 1, 2009

Future lawyers will find value in reflecting on this year’s theme as Law Day highlights Lincoln’s legacy and place in history as a quintessential lawyer president. Make sure your law school doesn’t miss out on this year’s Law Day activities. Order a free 2009 Law Day Planning Guide featuring a section for law students seeking to increase participation in Law Day programming on their campus or in their community. Also this year, the **Law Day Outstanding Activity Award** includes a new category for law schools and law students. [Tell me more](#)

Taxation

Public Service Fellowship

Application Deadline: August 1, 2009

The Section of Taxation developed its Public Service Fellowships in 2008 to address the need for tax legal assistance, and to foster an interest in tax-related public service among those individuals who participate. Last year, more than twenty-five recent law school graduates applied for the two Public Service Fellowships, which provide funding for the Fellows’ salaries and benefits, with some law school debt assistance. Finalists from the pool of applicants will be selected by the Tax Section’s Public Service Fellowship Committee and interviewed at the Section’s Fall Meeting in Chicago, IL, September 26, 2009 (at the expense of the Tax Section). The Section plans to award as many as two fellowships each year. [Tell me more](#)

Competitions Offer More Than a Little Extra Cash

Visit the [ABA Law Student Division](#) website for a complete listing of law student writing competitions, scholarships, and awards available from ABA entities.

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

2009 Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Competition

Postmark Deadline: March 31, 2009

Nomination are now being accepted from ABA Law Student Division members who are also members of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. Topic: problem or issue relating to presidential control of agency rulemaking. The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section’s Fall Conference in Washington, DC. [Tell me more](#)

Family Law

Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest

Entry Deadline: March 27, 2009

Essay Deadline: April 3, 2009

Looking for a byline and some recognition from your Law School Dean? Look no further! If you enter the ABA Section of Family Law’s Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay contest and win, your essay will be published in the scholarly journal, *Family Law Quarterly*. Your Dean will be notified and you’ll get a certificate, as well as a free one-year membership in the ABA Section of Family Law, and an invitation to attend the Section Annual Awards Luncheon at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago this summer. Complete entry form by March 27, 2009 to receive an entry number. Essays are due April 3, 2009. [Tell me more](#)

Criminal Justice

William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: April 24, 2009

Open to all ABA Law Student Division members in good standing at an ABA-approved law school at the time of entry. Students may write about any timely and important issue of American criminal constitutional procedure of interest to practitioners of criminal law. The winner will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and free airfare and accommodations to attend a Section meeting at which the award will be presented. In addition, the winner’s law school will receive a plaque from the ABA Criminal Justice Section. At the discretion of the editorial board, the winning entry may be selected for publication in *Criminal Justice* magazine, subject to editing. All entrants receive one year’s free full membership in the Criminal Justice Section. [Tell me more](#)

Public Utility, Communications & Transportation Law

Student Writing Contest

Entry Deadline: June 1, 2009

ABA Law Student Division members are invited to participate in this writing contest. The winner receives a \$2,500 prize, free Section membership, airfare and hotel accommodations to attend the Section's Fall Council Meeting. [Tell me more](#)

Public Education

Law Day Activity Award

Entry Deadline: June 12, 2009

A new category has been added to the Law Day Activity Awards this year to showcase achievements by law students. For a Law Day program to be considered it must be conducted by law students, highlight the 2009 Law Day theme, expand public awareness of the rule of law, reach people through media coverage, and extend beyond Law Day by involving locals schools or community members. Winners will receive an inscribed plaque, a \$100 credit toward purchase at the Law Day store and prominent feature in the 2010 Law Day Planning Guide and website. [Tell me more](#)

Dispute Resolution

Boskey ADR Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: June 15, 2009

This competition is designed to promote greater interest in and understanding of the field of dispute resolution and collaborative decision-making among students enrolled in ABA-approved law schools and graduate programs in the United States and abroad. The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. First Prize: \$1,000 to the competition winner and posting of the winning essay and runner-up online. [Tell me more](#)

Real Property, Trust & Estates- Trust and Estate Division

2009 RPTE Student Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: June 19, 2009

Open to all ABA Law Student Division members who are also members of the Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law. Students may write about any timely topic addressing real property, trust or estate law. The winner will receive \$2,500 and travel to the Section's Fall Meeting. For contest questions, please contact [Amanda Pauli](#). [Tell me more](#)

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

Other Items of Interest

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees

First Annual Law Student Writing Contest

Entry deadline: April 30, 2009

The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees has established an annual student writing competition to reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. [Tell me more](#)

National Association of Women Lawyers

3rd Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition

Entry deadline: April 30, 2009

Designed to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning women and the law, entries should address an issue concerning women's rights and the status of women in the law. Award: \$500 and publication in the NAWL Women Lawyers Journal. [Tell me more](#)

Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF)

Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition

Entry deadline: June 1, 2009

Award: \$1,500 and publication in the *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal*. [Tell me more](#)

The National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Bar Association

Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition

Entry Deadline: June 1, 2009

Designed to entice scholarly submissions fit for publication in a law review, entries should discuss a cutting edge legal issues affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and/or Intersex community. The first place winner will receive \$3,000, publication in the *Journal of Law and Sexuality*, and complimentary registration and travel to the NLGBTB Annual Career Fair and Conference. [Tell me more](#)

Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)

CLEO diverCITY Network

The **CLEO diverCITY Network** is an online portal recently established by the **Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)** to be “*the virtual destination for minority law students.*” CLEO is actively encouraging minority/underrepresented law students seeking membership in CLEO to register as a new **CLEO Affiliate**. Registration is Free. To sign up, please visit the [CLEO DiverCity Network](#) and click on the “*Students*” button from their home page. If you are not familiar with CLEO or their mission, visit the [CLEO website](#).