

Rules and Regulations
Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section
Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee
Law Student Writing Competition

The goal of the competition is to encourage law students to become involved within the Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee and the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section of the ABA. It is also designed to attract students to the civil trial, tort, insurance, and maritime fields, and to encourage scholarship in these areas.

Rules concerning the competition are as follows. The dates shown will change each year.

1. The competition is open to any law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, who is currently 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, and its respective affiliates and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible.

2. Papers should address a topic that relates to Admiralty & Maritime law. The writers should be able to address these issues by considering cases published in this area, as well as the changing market place in the maritime world. Entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest, not state-specific issues. Entrants must submit their own original essay. Failure to submit an original essay will result in its disqualification and selection of a new winner.

3. Essays must be submitted by e-mail to jkulesa@tthlaw.com no later than June 1, 2009.

4. Essays must not exceed 30 pages of double-spaced typed text, 12 point Times New Roman font. Only one essay is to be submitted for each entrant. Entrants should write essays in traditional law review style, presenting a scholarly discussion with full citation to authority in footnotes. Lengthy lists and outlines normally are not appropriate within the text of an essay, however, they may be included as appendices to a textual discussion. For example, if the law of all states on a subject is surveyed, the essay may compare analytically how and why the law differs between jurisdictions. A listing of the law by jurisdiction within the body of the essay would generally not be appropriate. If such a listing of the law by jurisdiction would be of particular value to the reader, it may be included in an appendix to the essay. Entrants should write essays in the active voice and in the third person. Essays should conform to the 17th edition of *The Bluebook—A Uniform System of Citation*.

5. The following information shall be presented on the title page: title; author's name; ABA membership number; law school attending and author's year in school; author's permanent and temporary addresses and telephone numbers.

6. 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 topic presented, significance of the topic selected, manner in which the topic is treated, organization, quality of analysis, quality of research and authority provided, and grammar, syntax, and form. The entries will be judged anonymously by a three person writing competition subcommittee comprised of the leaders in the TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee. The Section reserves the right not to award any prizes if it is determined that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection that year.

7. The first-place winner will receive \$500, plus up to \$500 reimbursement towards their attendance at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Winner may also be published in the upcoming Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee newsletter, or may have the opportunity to be published the TIPS Law Journal or The Brief. The next two runner ups may receive honorable mention in the newsletter.

8. By entering, the winners give the ABA the right to reproduce any essay material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation, as long as such is for noncommercial purposes. Entries will not be returned. All entries submitted to the ABA become the property of the ABA.

9. Entries must be e-mailed on or before **June 1, 2009**

10. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's responsibility. Winners will execute a separate publication agreement giving the ABA a non-exclusive right to publish the article and to use for other purposes. Essays submitted must have been created by the entrant, must never have been published in any other medium other than a law school publication, and must have been written after January 1, 2008.