

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION

JON E. HASTINGS MEMORIAL AWARD WRITING COMPETITION

RULES OF COMPETITION

Law Student Writing Competition Rules:

A Review Panel selected by the Environmental Law Section, Tennessee Bar Association, will review the submittals and recommend the award winner(s). The Panel will anonymously judge the papers based on:

1. Quality of writing;
 2. Quality of research and support for thesis;
 3. Originality of topic;
 4. Relevancy or timeliness of the subject.
- The Review Panel recommendations will be submitted to the Environmental Law Section, which will make the final decision concerning prize awards. The Environmental Law Section may delegate responsibility for writing competition decisions to its Chair or to one or more of its other members.
 - There is a total cash prize pool of \$1,200. The Environmental Law Section reserves the right to award the entire prize pool to a single winning entry or to award cash prizes to two or more entries, splitting the total cash prize pool among the winning entries in the manner deemed appropriate by the Section.
 - The eligibility criteria are as follows:
Must be a law student enrolled in a Tennessee law school during 2009 or 2010.
 - The topic of the entry must be on a relevant subject of Tennessee or federal environmental or natural resource law. Energy law subjects will not be accepted.
 - Relevant articles, case comments, notes, or essays may be submitted for competition, including writing submitted for academic credit. Jointly authored articles are not eligible.

- Entries can be any length up to 15 pages, including the text, footnotes, endnotes and citations. The title page (see below) does not count against the maximum page count. Citation style must conform to the current edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- The following information must be included on a separate *title page*:
 1. Title of paper
 2. Author's name
 3. Mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address where the author can be reached.
 4. Name of law school
 5. Year of expected graduation
 6. A certification that the author has reviewed and meets the terms for eligibility for the contest.
- The *title page* does not count in the page limit. ***The contestant's name and other identifying markings such as school name are not to be on any page of the entry other than the title page.***
- Entries must be submitted electronically formatted for standard, 8 ½" x 11" paper, 12 point font, double-space, with 1- inch margins, in Microsoft Word format.
- Entries must be emailed ***no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on March 27, 2010.*** Please email essays to Lynn Pointer at lpointer@tnbar.org. You will receive a confirmation email. Questions about the contest should also be emailed to the above address.