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Re: Second Annual Elder and Special Needs Law Journal
Writing Competition

To Whom It May Concern:

The Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association continues to strive to achieve a diverse membership body, in hopes of fostering a rich environment within which ideas are cultivated. The current President of the New York State Bar Association, David M. Schraver, as well as our own Section Chair Fran Pantaleo, firmly endorse the cultivation of a diverse atmosphere, because they believe that it is necessary to the success of the Elder Law Section.

To further this initiative, we are pleased to announce the Second Annual Elder and Special Needs Law Journal Writing Competition, for all students attending an accredited ABA law school within New York State. The winners of the Competition will be guaranteed publication within the New York State Bar Association's Elder and Special Needs Law Journal (ESNLJ) in addition to receiving a prize of \$500. There will be up to two (2) winners chosen by the ESNLJ's editorial board.

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Last year's winners were invited to the Fall Meeting of the Elder Law Section which was held in Albany, New York on October 31, 2013 – November 1, 2013. At the Fall Meeting, the winners were presented with their prize and a copy of the ESNLJ with their published articles.

The requirements of the Second Annual Elder and Special Needs Law Journal Writing Competition are as follows:

- Your article **MUST** be based on a pertinent topic within the elder and/or disability law field(s), two historically underserved and diverse populations.
- The article **MUST** be submitted in the form of a Word document. Please do not use Word Perfect or .docx, since our editing staff does not have tools to support such formats. If you plan on converting your document, please check your formatting.
- Bold the title of your article, and include your name directly underneath.
- Indent the first line of the paragraph 0.5 (under "Paragraph" see "Special" and choose first line option). All other margins (i.e. right and left margins) should measure "1.0." The NYSBA will re-configure your article for two columns, as per the format of the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal; as a result, you need not do so.
- Please single space the text, and double space between paragraphs.
- If your article warrants the use of an organizational structure, then please employ A, B, C... for headings, separating the text and bolding the headings. Subheadings should then read as follows: 1, 2, 3... and sub-subheadings a, b, c....
- Should you choose to utilize bullet points, numbering, or lettering throughout your article please do so consistently.
- It is important that your source materials, non-original ideas, and references, etc. must be accurately attributed and in the appropriate Bluebook format.
- The article should contain endnotes. Please utilize the automatic endnote function within Word, because it allows for easy editing. Use Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3...).
- Please include a short biography along with your article of about 500 words, as well as a copy of your most recent working resume.
- We request that you include a photo of yourself, so that it may appear alongside your article in either the format of a jpeg or tif file. If you do not wish to include your photo, please state such on a separate piece of paper, as it is not required.
- Each of your submissions must be fully complete, and you may not re-edit, or send additional information subsequent to receipt by the editorial board.

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The article is due by June 1, 2014, and no extensions will be granted.

Please send your submissions to the following address:

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The editorial board of the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal is excited to read your articles, and the Elder Law Section is eager to include a new and diverse group of soon-to-be attorneys within its current dialogue. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Second Annual Elder and Special Needs Law Journal Writing Competition, please contact the ESNLJ Assistant Production Editor at the following email address: burner@seniorlaw.com.

Good luck!

Sincerely,



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