

Spring 2011 Environmental Justice Symposium

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources in collaboration with the University of Mississippi School of Law

STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION (2010-2011)

The American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA-SEER) and the University of Mississippi School of Law are co-hosting a national Environmental Justice Symposium at the Ole Miss Law School in Oxford, Mississippi on **April 1, 2011**. In conjunction with this Symposium, ABA-SEER announces its Environmental Justice Student Writing Competition and invites law students to submit papers exploring current issues in environmental justice.

Awards: The winning entry will be awarded a prize of \$1000 and will be published in a special issue of the *Mississippi Law Journal* together with other articles and materials from the Symposium. In addition to the first prize, the Competition will award a second prize of \$500 and a third prize of \$250. The first place paper will also be published on the ABA-SEER website as will the second and third place papers.

Students submitting the first, second and third place entries also will be invited to attend the Environmental Justice Symposium on April 1, 2011 where their selection as winning entries will be announced. ABA-SEER will fund travel and hotel costs for the winning students.

Subject matter: Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of significance in the field of environmental justice and will be evaluated based on: (1) originality; (2) contribution to the understanding or development of the field of environmental justice; (3) quality of scholarship; and (4) quality and organization of writing.

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in law school (in the US or abroad) (J.D. or LL.M. programs) are eligible, including students who will graduate in the spring or summer of 2011. Any relevant article, case comment, note, or essay may be submitted, including writing submitted for academic credit. Jointly authored pieces are eligible only if all authors are students and consent to submit. Previously published pieces, or pieces that are already slated for publication, are ineligible.

Deadline: Entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM ET on **February 15, 2011**. Email entries and questions to Fawziah Y. Bajwa, Assistant Director, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources at BajwaF@staff.abanet.org. Entries will be acknowledged by email.

Submission Requirements:

Cover page. This *separate* page must include the following information:

- Title;
- Author's name, year in law school, and expected graduation date (to facilitate impartial judging, the author's name and law school must NOT appear anywhere in the essay, other than on the cover page);
- Law school name and address;
- Author's permanent and school mailing address, email address, and phone number (IMPORTANT: indicate effective dates for any contact information subject to change);
- Abstract (limited to 100 words) describing the piece; and
- Certification that the article has not been published and is not slated for future publication (while authors may submit their articles to other competitions, acceptance for publication elsewhere will disqualify an entry from further consideration).

Format: Submissions may be of any length up to a *maximum* of 45 pages (including footnotes), in a double-spaced, 8.5 x 11-inch page format with 12-point font (10-point for footnotes). Citation style must conform to *A Uniform System of Citation* (latest edition) published by the Harvard Law Review Association (the Bluebook). Submissions must be made by email attachment in Microsoft Word format, with the cover page as a separate attachment.

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