

## **Public Land Law and Policy Student Writing Competition**

The American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Awards:** The winning submissions will receive a **\$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prize** for first, second and third place submissions, respectively. Co-authors will share any prize awarded. Students submitting the first, second and third place entries will be invited to attend the Public Land Special Institute, where their selection as winning entries will be announced. ABA-SEER will judge the competition. The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation will provide complimentary registration at the institute for the three winning students.

**Subject Matter:** Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance relating to the topic of the role of public lands and policy. The topic is not confined to any particular type of public lands or issue. Entries will be evaluated based on: (1) originality; (2) contribution to the understanding or development of the field of public lands law; (3) quality of scholarship; and (4) quality and organization of writing.

**Eligibility:** Students currently enrolled in law school (in the U.S. or abroad) (J.D. or LL.M. programs) are eligible, including students who will graduate in the spring or summer of 2014. Any relevant article, comment, case 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 p.m. MT on April 1, 2014. Email entries and questions to Deanna Crowe at [dcrowe@rmmlf.org](mailto:dcrowe@rmmlf.org).

### **Submission Requirements:**

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

- Title, author's name, year in law school, law school name and address, and author's expected graduation date (the author's name and law school should only appear on the cover page);
- Author's permanent and school mailing address, email address, and phone number (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 40 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). Harvard or ALWD citations will be accepted. Submissions must be made by email attachment in Microsoft Word format, with the cover page as a separate attachment.