2015 Donald C. Alexander Writing Competition

Requirements are as follows:

- Full and part-time J.D. and LL.M. students are eligible.
- Any original paper concerning federal taxation between 20-50 double spaced pages is welcome.
- Seminar papers and articles submitted (but not yet selected for publication) to law reviews, journals, or other competitions are eligible.

Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. The winning entries may be published in the Tax Section newsletter the Report or in The Federal Lawyer.

Deadline is January 16, 2015

Entries may be submitted by email to Marcellus Howard at mhoward@fedbar.org or by mail to:

Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation
Attn: Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition
1220 N. Fillmore Str. Suite 444
Arlington, VA 22201

For more information, see www.fedbar.org/tax.



Federal Bar Association

SECTION ON TAXATION

January 05, 2015

Federal Bar Association Member [Professor/Dean]:

The Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation sponsors an annual writing competition and invites law students to participate. The Section on Taxation has recently named the annual competition the Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition in honor of former IRS Commissioner (1973-1977) Don Alexander, who passed away in 2009. Mr. Alexander was a widely admired role model and advocate for writing skills and style in the area of tax law throughout his career. Please share this opportunity with students who may be interested in participating.

All full-time and part-time law students currently seeking a *juris doctor (J.D.)* or a *master of laws (LL.M.)* at an accredited law school are eligible to enter the competition. Students may submit any original paper concerning federal taxation. Papers written in connection with a law school course, seminar, or paid employment <u>are</u> eligible provided that they are written in the form of a scholarly article and do not contain any client-specific work product. Student papers submitted for publication in law reviews or other legal journals <u>are</u> eligible for the competition. However, student papers that have already been published in a law review or other legal journal, or that have been selected for publication, <u>are not</u> eligible for the competition. Students must sign the attached Warranty and Authorization to Publish guaranteeing that the paper has not been published or selected for publication as of the date the paper is submitted to this competition and agreeing to permit the Section on Taxation to publish the paper. Student papers submitted to other competitions <u>are</u> eligible for the Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Papers must be a minimum of twenty pages and a maximum of fifty pages (double spaced, twelve-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins) including endnotes (which may be single-spaced).

Papers will be evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) depth of research; (2) originality of thought; (3) quality, clarity, and efficiency of presentation; and (4) relevance to current tax policy or events. Additionally, each student must sign and return the attached warranty (a .pdf copy by e-mail is acceptable).

Submissions must be postmarked or e-mailed by January 16, 2015. If mailing submissions, please use the following address:

Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation Attn: Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition 1220 N. Fillmore Street, Suite 444 Arlington, VA 22201

If e-mailing submissions, please e-mail to Marcellus Howard at mhoward@fedbar.org, with the subject line "Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition."

Two winning papers will be selected by the Officers of the Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation. The authors of the first place and second place papers will receive:

(i) A cash prize (\$2,000 for first place and \$1,000 for second place); and

(ii) A trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, DC, on March 6, 2015 (value not to exceed \$700), where each winner will be presented with a Commemorative Plaque and complimentary one-year membership in the Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation.

Both the first place and second place papers may be published in the *Report*, the newsletter of the Section and/or *The Federal Lawyer*, the magazine of the Federal Bar Association. To be eligible for publication in *The Federal Lawyer*, the paper must be on a topic that is of general interest to the Federal Bar Association membership.

Sincerely,

Anne Gordron

Robert Russell

Warranty and Authorization to Publish

The undersigned hereby submits the attached paper entitled for consideration in the Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association Section on Taxation ("FBA Section on Taxation"). The undersigned warrants that the paper is the author's original work except for properly attributed excerpts and that the paper has not been published or selected for publication in a law review or other legal journal as of the date the paper is submitted to this competition.	
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