

## **2018-2019 Law Student Writing Competition Complete Rules**

1. The competition is open to law students in good-standing who were enrolled in an ABA accredited law school any time during calendar years 2018 and 2019.
2. Papers should address a topical issue of interest to the construction industry.
3. All authors must certify that all work submitted is the author's work product without substantial editing by others.
4. Papers prepared for law school credit are eligible for entry in the competition. Articles prepared for law review, or publication elsewhere, are eligible for the competition as well. Joint papers are not acceptable.
5. Law professors may submit their students' submission directly to The Forum for consideration.
6. If The Forum wishes to publish the winning article or other articles submitted for the competition in its various publications and the article has already been published or is planned for publication, The Forum will publish it as well if the other publication provides its consent.
7. The format of the articles should conform to either of The Forum's two publications, *The Construction Lawyer* (law journal format) or *Under Construction* (newsletter format with articles of 1000-2000 words). Format guidelines for *The Construction Lawyer* are posted on The Forum's website.
8. Articles must be in Microsoft Word format.
9. The Forum prefers Harvard Bluebook citation style and requires it for publication. However, the judges will not consider citation form in their evaluation.
10. The following information must be presented on the title page: title; author's name; address, telephone number, email address; and law school.
11. Articles must be submitted by e-mail to the following: Tamara Harrington, American Bar Association ([tamara.harrington@americanbar.org](mailto:tamara.harrington@americanbar.org)) and Marilyn Klinger ([mklinger@smtlaw.com](mailto:mklinger@smtlaw.com)).
12. **All entries must be emailed by Friday, July 26, 2019.** Winners will be notified in September 2019 in enough time to make travel plans to attend the Fall Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
13. An impartial panel will judge the entries. Criteria for selection include creativity, clarity and precision of writing, strength of argument, novelty of subject, and quality of research.
14. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,000, travel expenses and registration to attend the 2019 Fall Meeting, where a first prize plaque will be presented, a one-year membership in the Forum, and recognition in The Forum newsletter, *Under Construction*, the *Forum Flash*, and on The Forum's website. One or more authors may be determined a finalist and recognized with a plaque and recognition.