

**Second Annual**  
**Michigan Innovation And IP Legal Writing Competition**

Sponsored by

State Bar of Michigan, Intellectual Property Law Section and  
Thomas M. Cooley Law School Graduate Program in IP Law

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Graduate Program in Intellectual Property Law announce the Second Annual Michigan Innovation and IP Legal Writing Competition. The Competition is open to students attending law school in the State of Michigan and seeks to recognize outstanding original works of legal scholarship in the fields of intellectual property and innovation law.

**Eligibility:**

Students enrolled in J.D. degree programs at any ABA-accredited Michigan law school during the period January 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012 are eligible to enter the competition.

**Prizes:**

Three prizes will be awarded:

- **1st Place:** \$500.00 Cash award, publication of work in IPLS Proceedings journal, and complimentary registration (not including travel expenses) to 2013 Spring Intellectual Property Seminar in East Lansing, Michigan or 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 19-21, 2012.
- **2nd Place:** \$300 Cash award, publication of work in IPLS Proceedings journal, and complimentary registration (not including travel expenses) to 2013 Spring Intellectual Property Seminar or 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute.
- **3rd Place:** \$200 Cash award, publication of work in IPLS Proceedings journal, and complimentary registration (not including travel expenses) to 2013 Spring Intellectual Property Seminar or 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute.

**How to Submit an Entry:**

1) Students must submit their submission electronically to:

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IPLS Vice-Chair  
abudde@hdp.com

All entries must be received by **May 15, 2012**.

2) Each submission must contain an Entry Cover Page (format attached) containing the student(s) name and contact information and a certification that the submission complies with the Competition Rules:

2.1) Law students of any ABA-accredited law school located in Michigan during the period from January 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012 are eligible. Students must be pursuing a J.D. degree; LL.M. applicants are not eligible, unless they are pursuing an LL.M. and part of a joint degree program and have not completed the requirements for a J.D. degree at the time the work was completed.

2.2) All entries must be the original, unpublished academic work of the person(s) submitting the entry. Entries which have been prepared as part of a course are acceptable, but must not have been edited by a faculty member or teaching assistant.

2.3) Co-authored submissions are acceptable. Co-authors of joint submissions will divide any prizes.

2.4) All entries must be between 8 and 15 pages in length (including citations), double spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman font, with 1 inch margins on all page edges.

2.5) Citations must be in footnote format and be in accordance with either the rules of The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation, Eighteenth Edition or the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Citation Manual.

2.6) Other than the Entry Cover Page, the entry must not identify the author(s) or their law school affiliation in any way (including acknowledgments to faculty.) The contest organizers reserve the right to redact any entries to remove potentially identifying references.

#### Judging:

All entries will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges selected by the contest organizers. The decisions of the judges will be final.

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Entry Cover Page**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Daytime) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Of Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check One:  I have not completed the requirements for a J.D.  
 I completed the requirements for a J.D.

**Certification:** I hereby certify that I have read the Contest Rules for the Michigan Innovative and IP Legal Writing Competition and certify that this entry complies with those rules. If this entry is selected as a winning entry, I agree that the IPLS may publish the work in the IPLS Proceedings and authorize the IPLS to edit the entry for publication.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_