

## 2017 Boskey Entry Form

### 2017 JAMES BOSKEY DISPUTE RESOLUTION ESSAY COMPETITION

**PURPOSE** The purpose of the competition is to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among law students of the nation, particularly those who are members of the Law Student Division of the American Bar.

**COMPETITION PRIZE** One prize of \$1,000 dollars will be awarded for the best entry as judged by the Boskey Essay Committee, comprised of representatives from the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. In addition, the winning essay will be considered for possible publication in Dispute Resolution Magazine. Winner will be required to submit a completed W-9 prior to receiving the award. Winner is responsible for all taxes associated with the award.

**ELIGIBILITY** The competition is open to all full and part-time J.D. law students at an ABA-accredited law school who are legal permanent residents or citizens of the U.S. Officers, directors and employees of the American Bar Association and their immediate household and family members are ineligible to enter the competition. Previously published essays are not eligible. If a student's essay has been accepted for publication, the student must inform the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution at the time of initial submission to the competition. If the student's essay is accepted for publication after submission to the essay competition but before a decision is reached by the Essay Committee, the student must inform the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution of this acceptance immediately. By entering, participants agree that the ABA shall have the right of first publication of the winning essay. Only one entry per participant. Winner will be required to sign a standard publication agreement if winning entry is selected for publication.

**OTHER** By entering, participants agree that the decision of the judges is final. ABA is not responsible for any error, computer malfunction, or failed transmission.

**AUTHORSHIP** Each entry shall be the original work of a single individual. The ideas and work reflected by each entry must be the author's own. The author must perform all of the key tasks of identifying the topic, researching it, analyzing it, formulating positions and arguments, and writing and revising the paper. The author may inform another of the progress made in performing these tasks and accept a reasonable amount of responsive advice from academicians or practitioners in the field, but the student must avoid undue collaboration. For example, the author may obtain a professor's opinion that a proposed topic is a good choice, or that a detailed outline should be reorganized, or that a first draft unwisely omits to cover a subtopic or to raise and respond to criticisms of the author's premise. The author must limit the amount of such advice sought or received so that the final entry truly reflects the author's own ideas and work and not that of another.

**SUBJECT MATTER AND LENGTH** The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. Essays must be limited to 15-25

typewritten pages, including footnotes or endnotes. The text of the essay must be double-spaced, with twelve-point font and one-inch margins.

**JUDGING** The format of this competition has been selected to stimulate creativity of thought and research. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria: clarity of the theme or thesis presented, significance of the topic to the field of conflict resolution, originality and creativity of topic treatment, quality of analysis, quality of research and authority provided, and technical quality of writing, including organization, grammar, syntax and form. The entries will be judged anonymously by members of the Boskey Essay Committee, consisting of representatives from the ABA. The winning selection(s) will be made by the Essay Committee and approved by the Chair of the ABA Section. The ABA Section staff will notify the winner(s) of their selection by email no later than August 5, 2017. If the winner does not respond within 10 business days of notification, or notification is returned as undeliverable, the winner forfeits all rights to participate or receive the prize, and an alternate winner may be selected. The ABA Section reserve the right not to award any prize if it is determined that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE** All fields on the official entry form below must be completed. The entry should be submitted to Linda Seely (linda.seely@americanbar.org) at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution in PDF format. The e-mail should have the subject header "Attn: Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition." The contestant's name and other identifying markings such as school name are not to be on any copy of the submitted entry. The staff of the American Bar Association will assign a random number to each entry and record this number on all copies of each essay submitted. Neither the contestant's identity nor his/her academic institution will be known to the Boskey Essay Committee members or the Chair of the ABA Section doing the judging. Contestants will receive confirmation of the entry. The winner(s) will be notified by electronic mail of their selection.

**ENTRY DATE AND DEADLINE** Entries for the competition may be submitted starting March 14, 2017 and must be received by Friday, June 9, 2017.

Official Entry Form Enter All Information:

- Student's Name: (1)
- Law School: (2)
- Expected Graduation date: (3)
- Faculty Advisor(s): (4)
- Permanent street Address: (5)
- Email Address: (6)
- Phone number: (7)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** I understand that the selection of the winning entry is the sole responsibility of the Section of Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association, and acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the competition procedures to which I agree. In the event I am selected as the winner, the American Bar Association shall have the

right of first publication in print and electronic formats. I may be invited to publish with Dispute Resolution Magazine. By entering your name below you acknowledge and agree to the above.

**SUBMISSION** Your entry form will be submitted once you click submit below. Please print a copy of this form before hitting the submit button below. Don't forget to e-mail a copy of your essay to [linda.seely@americanbar.org](mailto:linda.seely@americanbar.org).