

THE  
NATHAN BURKAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION  
Sponsored by the American Society of  
Composers, Authors and Publishers  
One Lincoln Plaza  
New York, NY 10023

**REVISED - RULES GOVERNING THE COMPETITION: ACADEMIC YEAR 2004-2005**

**1. Participating Law Schools:**

All accredited law schools are invited to participate in the Competition.

**2. Eligible Students:**

Third-year students. In the discretion of the dean, second-year students may also compete. However, second-year students who receive awards may not compete in their third year.

**3. Subject Matter:**

Any aspect of Copyright Law.

**4. Determination of Awards:**

**Local:** The prizes will be awarded to the eligible students who shall, in the sole judgment of the dean, or such other person or committee as the dean may designate, prepare the two best papers. The dean may, in his or her discretion, withhold the awards entirely, if in his or her opinion no worthy paper is submitted, or may award only the first or second prize. Students are not eligible for more than one prize in any Competition.

**National:** First place local winners will be eligible to participate. The entries will be judged by a panel to be selected by, and in the sole discretion of, the Copyright Society of the USA.

**5. Amounts of Awards:**

**Local:** *A first prize of \$600 and a second prize of \$250* at each participating law school, to be paid through the dean, upon his or her written certification.

**National:** *A first prize of \$3,000, a second prize of \$2,000 and a third of \$1,000* may be awarded in the sole discretion of the Copyright Society of the USA and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

**6. Requirements as to the Length and Form of Manuscript:**

Papers must strictly comply with the following requirements; failure to do so will disqualify a paper from receiving any award:

- (a) Manuscript must be typewritten (double-spaced) on 8 ½" x 11" paper, 1" margin all around. All quotations exceeding four lines must be indented and single-spaced.
- (b) Table of Contents must be included.

- (c) Citations must be in approved law review form.
- (d) Manuscript must not exceed 50 pages, including footnotes and endnotes, and excluding the Table of Contents.
- (e) **One** hard copy of manuscript must be submitted along with an electronic copy on a 3-1/2 inch floppy disk, Microsoft Word format preferred.
- (f) The hard copy of the manuscript must be bound in a stiff cover (e.g. three-ring binder, plastic binding, wire binding, strip binding, etc.) and labeled with the title of the paper, the author's name, permanent home address and telephone number; the floppy disk should bear a label with the same information.

**7. Submission of Papers and Publication:**

- (a) Winning papers and accompanying disks will be forwarded by the dean to the Society which may authorize publication in any form (including by electronic means).
- (b) A paper that has been previously published in the same or substantially similar form is not eligible for the Competition.
- (c) Subsequent to entry in the Competition, papers may be published in scholarly journals, provided their entry in the Competition is duly noted.
- (d) Each student-author shall retain the copyright in his or her paper.
- (e) Each student-author shall, by entry in the Competition and agreeing to comply with these Rules, grant to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and the Copyright Society of the USA, a nonexclusive license to publish his or her paper in any form (including by electronic means).
- (f) An original signed statement from the student-author shall be affixed to the inside back cover of the hard copy of his or her paper, as follows:

*I, [student-author's name], certify that I have read the Revised Rules Governing the Competition: Academic Year 2004-2005, and agree to comply in all respects with those Rules.*

*[Signature of student-author]*

**8. Individual Study:**

Papers must represent individual study and collaboration with others in their preparation is not permitted.

**9. Closing Date:**

Winning papers must be certified to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers no later than June 30, 2005.