The New York Intellectual Property Law Association created a writing competition for law students and appropriately named it “The William C. Conner Intellectual Property Law Writing Competition”, after the Honorable William C. Conner, who was a former president of the NYIPLA. In recognition of his significant contributions to the field of Intellectual Property, in 1992 the Association established this competition in his name.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND RULES FOR THE NEW YORK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION HONORABLE WILLIAM C. CONNER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW WRITING COMPETITION**

1. All entrants must be law school students currently enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M. program (day or evening) in an accredited law school in the United States.

2. An entry must be directed to any of the following subject areas of intellectual property, *i.e.*, patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair trade practices, antitrust, and data security/privacy issues.

3. All entries must be submitted by **February 28, 2020**, to:

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4. Entries must be submitted in electronic form. Entries must be either in "Microsoft Word" (preferred) or "PDF" format, and further must be formatted as double-spaced text (except for headings, text in footnotes/endnotes, or block quotes, which may be single-spaced) on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (paper orientation: portrait) with at least one-inch margins on all sides, in 12 point or larger font. There is a twenty (20) page maximum limit for all entries, including endnotes but excluding any cover page or table of contents. **Entries that exceed this limit will not be considered.**

5. The entries will be judged on interest and suitability of topic, organization, legal analysis, writing, and professionalism of the work product. A grading rubric is available upon request. The top papers will be submitted to the Board of the NYIPLA for evaluation and determination of a winner and runner-up.

6. The winner will receive a cash award of $1,500.00 and a plaque at the NYIPLA Annual Meeting and Dinner to be held in New York City on May 12, 2020 at the Princeton Club. The runner-up will receive a cash award of $1,000.00 and a plaque at the Annual Meeting and Dinner. The winning paper will be considered for publication by the NYIPLA. The winner and runner-up should plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

7. Entries previously submitted for consideration by or publication in scholarly journals will be accepted, but publication by NYIPLA must be permitted.

8. All contestants who provide entries that meet the requirements and rules above and which exceed 15 pages (excluding any cover page or table of contents) will be provided a complimentary one-year student membership to the NYIPLA (May 1st to April 30th).
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