



## **ANNOUNCING**

### **HONORABLE WILLIAM C. CONNER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW WRITING COMPETITION FOR 2025**

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#### **THE NEW YORK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION (NYIPLA)**

Awards to be presented on May 7, 2025  
at the Union League Club in New York City  
at the NYIPLA Annual Meeting and Dinner

The Winner will receive a cash award of \$2,500.00  
The Runner-up will receive a cash award of \$1,500.00

The competition is open to students enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M. program (day or evening) in an accredited law school in the United States. The subject matter must be directed to one of the following subject areas of intellectual property, *i.e.*, patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and unfair trade practices, as well as antitrust and data security/privacy issues to the extent they relate to intellectual property. Entries must be submitted electronically by March 7, 2025 to [admin@nyipla.org](mailto:admin@nyipla.org). See Rules on page 2 for details on submission requirements.

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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 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 with an expected graduation date after March 7, 2025.
2. An entry must be directed to any of the following subject areas of intellectual property, *i.e.*, patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and unfair trade practices, as well as antitrust and data security/privacy issues to the extent they relate to intellectual property. Any entries that focus on topics other than intellectual property will not be considered.
3. All entries must be submitted by March 7, 2025, by e-mail, to:  

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4. Entries must be in “PDF” format, formatted as double-spaced text (except for headings, text in footnotes, or block quotes, which may be single-spaced) on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper (paper orientation: portrait) with at least one-inch margins on all sides, in 12 point or larger font, with all citations in footnotes. Footnotes must be in 10 point or larger font. Please include a cover page with the title of the paper and the entrant’s name and school. Please do not include the entrant’s name and school on any other page of the submission. The title of the paper should appear in the header of every page (excluding the cover page). There is a twenty (20) page maximum limit for all entries, including footnotes, but excluding the cover page or table of contents. Entries that exceed this limit, or otherwise do not conform with these specifications, will not be considered.
5. Entries must be the original creation of the author and cannot include content generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) or created by any third party.
6. Entries will be judged on interest and suitability of topic for publication by NYIPLA, organization, legal analysis, writing, and professionalism of the work product. A summary of the grading rubric is provided immediately below. Questions regarding the rubric or evaluation criteria should be directed to [admin@nyipla.org](mailto:admin@nyipla.org). The top papers will be submitted to the Board of the NYIPLA for evaluation and determination of a winner and runner-up.



<b>Category</b>	<b>Point Range</b>
Topic	1 – 5
Organization	1 – 5
Legal Analysis	1 – 10
Writing	1 – 10
Professional work product	1 – 5

7. The winner will receive a cash award of \$2,500.00 and a plaque at the NYIPLA Annual Meeting and Dinner to be held in New York City on May 7, 2025 at the Union League Club in New York City. The runner-up will receive a cash award of \$1,500.00 and a plaque at the Annual Meeting and Dinner. The winning papers will be considered for publication by the NYIPLA. The winner and runner-up are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner.
8. Entries previously submitted for consideration for publication or published in scholarly journals will be accepted, but publication by NYIPLA must be permitted.
9. All contestants who provide entries that meet the requirements and rules above and which exceed 15 pages (excluding any cover page and table of contents) will be provided a complimentary one-year student membership to the NYIPLA, commencing on May 1, 2025.