AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATED INDUSTRIES SECTION
K. William Kolbe Law Student Writing Competition (“Competition”)

Official Rules

Eligibility: This Competition is open to law school students who, at the time of entry, (1) are in good standing during the academic year of the Competition, (2) currently attending an ABA-accredited law school within the United States and its possessions, (3) are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and (4) are at least 21 years old. All entrants must be members of the American Bar Association Law Student Division at the time of submitting the entry. Directors, officers and employees of the ABA, and its respective affiliates and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2020.

Topic: Papers should address a current topic of general interest in a legal area covered by the Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section (the “Section”). The Section covers specific industries that provide certain important, in some cases, essential, services to the general public. Many of the industries covered by the Section have been or currently regulated as public utilities. The Section is organized into industry committees and practice committees that relate to areas of legal specialty (e.g. antitrust, labor, taxation and accounting) as they apply to those industries. These committees are identified on the Section's website. The Section will interpret the scope of the subject broadly to ensure that the Competition affords a great degree of flexibility in writing on these subject areas, but in any event the decision of whether a particular essay qualifies as to subject matter is entirely within the discretion of the Section. Entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest or significance, not state-specific issues.

Submission Requirements: All submissions must be the original work of the entrant, must have been written on or after June 1, 2019 and must not have been previously published in any media. Only one essay is to be submitted for each entrant.

Essays must be submitted on standard, 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, 12-point type, and must not exceed 50 pages, including footnotes. In addition, each essay must be submitted in a Microsoft Word electronic format as an email attachment sent to infrastructure@americanbar.org or susan.koz@americanbar.org

Entrants should write essays in traditional law review style, presenting a scholarly discussion with full citation to authority in footnotes. Lengthy lists and outlines normally are not appropriate within the text of an essay, however, they may be included as appendices to a textual discussion. For example, if the law of all states on a subject is surveyed, the essay may compare analytically how and why the law differs between jurisdictions. A listing of the law by jurisdiction within the body of the essay would generally not be appropriate. If such a listing of the law by jurisdiction would be of
particular value to the reader, it may be included in an appendix to the essay. Entrants should write essays in the active voice and in the third person. Essays should conform to the current edition of *The Bluebook—A Uniform System of Citation.*

The following information shall be presented on the title page: title; author's name; ABA membership number; law school attending and author's year in school; author's permanent and temporary addresses and telephone numbers and email address.

Entries must be submitted to:
Attention: Ms. Susan Koz – susan.koz@americanbar.org with subject line: “K. William Kolbe Law Student Writing Competition”.

**Selection and Notification of Winners:** 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 topic presented, significance of the topic selected, manner in which the topic is treated, organization, quality of analysis, quality of research and authority provided, and grammar, syntax, and form. The entries will be judged anonymously by members of the Law Student Outreach Task Force ("Task Force") of the Section, all of whom will be members of the Section. The members of the Task Force will be appointed by the Section Chair annually. The winning selection(s) will be made by the Task Force and approved by the Section Chair. The Section Staff Director will notify the winner of his/her selection in September 2020. The Section reserves the right not to award any prizes if it is determined that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection that year. If a potential winner does not respond within ten (10) business days after ABA’s first attempt to contact him or her, or if the contract is returned as non-deliverable, the potential winner forfeits all rights to be named as winner or receive a prize, and an alternate winner may be chosen.

**Prizes:** The winner will receive $2,500 cash, a free membership in the Section for one (1) year after admission to the bar, and coach-seat airfare and standard hotel accommodations to attend the Section’s Fall 2020 Council Group Meeting. The winner will be announced in the Section's quarterly publication, *Infrastructure.* The winner’s essay will be posted on the Section website for approximately one (1) year and will be considered for publication in the Section's Annual Report. Winner must submit a completed W-9 to receive the cash prize. The full fair market value of the prize, including travel and accommodations, will be reported on a 1099. Winner is responsible for all taxes. Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be substituted by the winner. The Sponsor may substitute a prize of equal or greater value at its sole discretion. The decision of the Sponsor, including the Task Force, is final.

**License/Grant of Rights:** By entering, the winner gives the ABA the non-exclusive worldwide right of publication of their entry in any and all media or form of communication; the non-exclusive worldwide right to reproduce, distribute, sell, perform, display and license the entry; and the non-exclusive worldwide right to use the winner’s name and likeness in connection with the essay or this Competition.
All entries submitted become the property of ABA and will not be returned; however, entrants retain full copyright to their entries.

**Odds of Winning:** Chances of winning will vary depending on number of entries received.

**Laws and Regulations:** This contest is governed by U.S. law and all relevant federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. By entering, all entrants agree that the Competition shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, that the courts of Illinois have exclusive jurisdiction, and that Cook County, Illinois shall be the venue for any dispute or litigation relating to or arising from the Competition. Void where prohibited by law. No purchase is necessary to win.

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**Opt-Out Option:** Any individual may elect to opt out of receiving future contest mailings by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221.

**Privacy Policy/Data Collection:** Information provided by entrants in connection with this sweepstakes is subject to Sponsor’s privacy policy, available at http://www.americanbar.org/utility/privacy.html

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