Dear Health Law Colleague:

Epstein Becker Green is pleased to announce its 25th Annual Health Law Writing Competition. The competition is designed to encourage J.D. and L.L.M. students in the health care, life sciences, and corporate areas of law to consider the development and presentation of legal, business, and policy analyses on a topic of health law relevance.

Entrants should take advantage of the fact that health law is a very broad and diverse area of law unique to health care (e.g., traditional areas of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate) or may address areas of law unique to the health care field (e.g., Medicare/Medicaid, clinical trials, telehealth/telemedicine)).

Papers must address an issue relating to health law. Papers may address corporate, intellectual property, reimbursement, fraud and abuse, managed care, or any other topic related to health care. Paper topics should be compelling and persuasive and may consider policy and regulatory implications.

The competition is open to submissions written by J.D. and L.L.M. students who have attended a U.S. law school during the school year ending in May/June 2022.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows for the three best papers:

- First Place: $7,500; the author of the first place entry will receive a cash award of $7,500
- Second Place: $4,000; and the author of the second place entry will receive a cash award of $4,000
- Third Place: $1,000; and the author of the third place entry will receive a cash award of $1,000

If a winning paper has more than one author, the prize will be split equally among the co-authors. The judges may elect, at their discretion, to award honorable mention prizes.

Papers should be submitted in Microsoft Word format and should contain double-spaced and set in Times New Roman, 12 point font; (2) papers must include footnotes instead of end notes, with the footnotes set in Times New Roman, 10 point font; (3) papers must include subheadings; (4) papers must be submitted in English; and (5) papers must be no more than 20 pages in length.

Competition Judging:

An impartial panel will judge the Health Law Writing Competition entries. Some or all of the stated awards will not be made if none of the submissions are deemed by the judges to be of sufficient quality.

Authors retain all ownership rights with respect to their work submitted to the competition. Also, authors receiving any award or honorable mention agree to assign to Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. the right to publish the title of the paper and the abstract. Authors agree to submit a paper in publishable condition. Further, if a winning paper has more than one author, all authors agree to assign to Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. all rights to publish the paper.

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) originality of thought; (2) clarity and thoroughness of legal analysis and conclusions; (3) presentation of arguments; (4) extent to which the paper considers relevant facts and policies; (5) scholarly references and use of citation format; and (6) persuasiveness.

Authors may submit more than one paper for consideration in the Health Law Writing Competition. All submissions must be the author’s own work, and must not have been previously published, accepted for publication, or submitted for publication elsewhere.

Papers must be submitted electronically no later than Friday, May 19, 2023. Successful electronic paper submissions will be noted by a confirmation email.

Papers will be evaluated on a completely anonymous basis. Entrants will be asked to verify that the papers have been de-identified (i.e., removing all identifying information except for the title, as all submissions are reviewed on an anonymous basis).

Authors are asked to submit original papers (i.e., papers not previously published, accepted for publication, or submitted for publication elsewhere). The judges will be notified immediately if the judges believe a paper has been published elsewhere in whole or in part.

Your request via email to ebgcompetition@ebglaw.com.

If you are unable to submit your entry form(s) and paper(s) electronically, please contact David Shillcutt in Epstein Becker Green’s Washington, DC, office, at (202) 861-1877 or by email at dshillcutt@ebglaw.com

To be considered for the competition, please submit your entry form and papers electronically. Please indicate on the entry form if you would prefer not to receive future marketing communications from Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., is a national law firm, which focuses its resources on health care, life sciences, and corporate areas of law unique to health care.

We wish you the best of luck in your submission.

Sincerely,

Helaine I. Fingold
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