



FORUM ON
CONSTRUCTION LAW
Building the Best Construction Lawyers

2017-2018 Writing Competition

Deadline July 9, 2018

The American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law is Looking for the Best Law Student Writers in the Country.

For the past seven years, the ABA Forum on Construction Law has held an annual Law Student Writing Competition. Through the Competition, the Forum introduces itself to the next generation of construction lawyers and pursues its mission of "Building the Best Construction Lawyers." And, talented law student writers gain the opportunity to demonstrate their skill to the Forum and attend its fall meeting. The Law Student Writing Competition was prompted, in part, by the increasing number of law school courses dedicated to construction law.

The competition prizes are worth the chase. The winning author receives a \$2,000 prize, travel expenses and registration for the 2018 Forum Fall Meeting in early October in Montreal, Canada* (where the winner is introduced and receives a plaque), a one-year Forum membership, recognition in The Forum newsletter, *Under Construction*, the *Forum Flash*, and on The Forum's website, plus the opportunity to be published in one of the Forum's two publications, *Under Construction* or *The Construction Lawyer*. In addition, the judges may choose to recognize one or more authors as finalists, who will receive recognition and the opportunity to be published.

Articles may now be submitted for the 2017-2018 Forum Law Student Writing Competition. Law professors may directly submit their students' articles to the Competition. The Competition is open to all law students in good standing and attending an ABA accredited law school during any time during 2017 or 2018.

Students may submit articles on any construction law topic. The format should resemble the articles published in either of The Forum's two publications, *The Construction Lawyer* (law journal format with guidelines in the link below) and *Under Construction* (newsletter format with articles of 1000-2000 words).

Any law student interested in participating in the competition

can request the assignment of a Competition Mentor, with whom the student can discuss ideas for relevant topics in construction law. Please contact Marilyn Klinger by email (mklinger@smtlaw.com) for your Competition Mentor assignment.

Senior ABA Forum members will judge the submissions. Criteria for selection include creativity, clarity and precision of writing, strength of argument, novelty and timeliness of subject, and quality of research.

The deadline for submission of articles for the 2017-2018 competition is Monday, July 9, 2018. All articles should be submitted in Word format to Marilyn Klinger mklinger@smtlaw.com and Tamara Harrington, tamara.harrington@americanbar.org. For more information and the complete rules visit our website at https://www.americanbar.org/groups/construction_industry.html.

Good Luck!

*Make sure your passport is up-to-date.