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Re: \$5,000 Legal Essay Contest

Dear Faculty Member:

We request your help in notifying your legal ethics law students of the opportunity to participate in the 2011 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association. The LPL Committee sponsors the contest annually to generate interest and ideas among law students and young lawyers on the topics of interest in the area of lawyers' professional liability.

The winner of the Levit Essay Contest will be awarded a prize of \$5,000, as well as an all-expenses-paid trip to Boston, MA in April 2011, free admission to the Committee's National Legal Malpractice Conference, attendance at the April 29 Committee dinner as our guest, and the prize presentation. The contest is supported by Long & Levit LLP.

This year's contest hypothetical concerns whether a party who has engaged in fraud has standing to bring a suit against a lawyer for fraud and legal malpractice based on the lawyer's conduct relating to the fraud itself, or rather if such a claim is barred by the doctrine of *in pari delicto*, which prohibits one wrongdoer from suing another wrongdoer for a fraud the two parties committed together.

The essay contest is accepting entries now. The postmark deadline for submission of entries is February 18, 2011. Contest rules and information are posted online at <http://bit.ly/Levit2011>.

The contest is open to law students and young lawyers who will have enrolled as members of the American Bar Association no later than February 18, 2011. Law students wishing to enroll may go to www.abanet.org/join/lstd_enroll/lstd_enroll.cfm or call 800-285-2221.

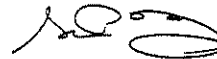
Enclosed is the flyer promoting the contest. Please take a minute to have the flyer posted on an appropriate kiosk or bulletin board at your school. The flyer can also be found at, and downloaded from, the link above.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



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