

**2012 NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON ANIMALS AND THE LAW
STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION**

RULES

Topic: Any topic on Animal Law.

Eligibility: To be eligible for consideration, the submission must be written by a student currently enrolled (full time or part time) in an ABA-accredited law school. Students expecting to receive their degree in 2012 are eligible for consideration. The submission must be written by one and only one student, i.e., papers jointly written by more than one student or that have been subjected to line editing by professors or advisors shall not be considered. No paper that has been previously published in any form shall be considered. **We will only accept one submission per entrant.**

Deadline: Papers must be postmarked no later than June 29, 2012.

Award Criteria: Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality, and organization. All essays must also meet the following criteria:

Length: Type written, double spaced, no less than 12 point Times New Roman font, on 8 ½ inch by 11 inch paper, with 1 inch margins, and no more than 25 pages, including footnotes. Footnotes should be single spaced, and no less than 10 point font.

Format: One hard copy of the written submission **and** one electronic copy in Microsoft Word format on a disk or CD **must** be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than June 29, 2012, and addressed to:

Kim Hojohn, Liaison
Committee on Animals and the Law
New York State Bar Association
One Elk Street
Albany, NY 12207

Cover Page: Entrants must submit a cover page indicating the entrant's name, law school, expected year of graduation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number. All other references to identifying information, such as name, law school, and contact information should be deleted or redacted from the body of the submission.

Prizes Awarded: 1st place: \$1,000 and a certificate of achievement
2nd place: \$500 and a certificate of achievement

The Committee also reserves the right to offer the winners (and other entrants) the opportunity to publish his/her paper in the Committee's Laws & Paws publication. Offers to publish are purely within the discretion of the Committee and the Committee in no way guarantees that entrants will be offered an opportunity for publication.