

# National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees First Annual Law Student Writing Competition

The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. The rules for the competition are as follows.

## **TOPIC**

Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Essays will be accepted from students enrolled at any law school during the 2008-2009 school year. The essays must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. Notwithstanding the foregoing, students may incorporate feedback as part of a course requirement or supervised writing project.

## **FORMAT**

Essays must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, double-spaced in 12-point font, and Times New Roman font type. All margins must be at least one inch. Entries must not exceed fifteen (15) pages of text, excluding notes, with footnotes placed as endnotes. Citation style should conform to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Bluebook - A Uniform System of Citation*. Essays longer than 15 pages of text, excluding notes, or which are not in the required format will not be read.

## **JUDGING**

The NACTT will judge the competition. Essays will be judged based upon content, exhaustiveness of research, originality, writing style, and timeliness.

## **QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this competition should be addressed to the chair of the Writing Competition at the address that appears below.

## **SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE**

**Entries must be received by April 30, 2009.** Entries received after the deadline will be considered only at the discretion of the NACTT. Entries may be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to [Trustee@Ch13austin.com](mailto:Trustee@Ch13austin.com), and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by April 30, 2009, four paper copies of the essay to:

NACTT Law Student Writing Competition  
National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees  
c/o Debbie Langehennig, Ch. 13 Trustee  
3801 Capital of Texas Hwy. South  
Suite 320  
Austin, TX 78704

## **AWARD**

The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize. The winning essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly - The Quarterly Journal of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. The winner will receive free registration for the NACTT annual seminar to be held in Boston on July 1-4, 2009.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am currently the Treasurer of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (NACTT). The NACTT consists of bankruptcy Trustees, bankruptcy judges, lawyers for Debtors, creditors, and other insolvency related professionals. The NACTT is composed of Trustee members who distribute over six billion dollars in funds to creditors as they administer Chapter 13 Plans. Our organization is dedicated to the highest standards of education related to Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

We are promoting a writing contest in the area of consumer bankruptcy law. With this letter I am enclosing an announcement indicating the terms for the writing contest. We are soliciting articles from law students and the winner will have their article published in the NACTT Quarterly - a publication that is sent to all of the NACTT members in the entire bankruptcy bench. The winner will also receive a waiver of the registration fee to the NACTT annual meeting which will be held in Boston.

We would appreciate your posting this announcement at your law school and invite your students to enter their written articles for consideration.

Very truly yours,

CHAPTER 13 STANDING TRUSTEE

/s/ Robert G. Drummond

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