



Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

THE ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAW COMMITTEE of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section

2024 Law Student Writing Competition

Official Rules

This writing competition (the “Competition”) is sponsored by the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (“TIPS”) of the American Bar Association (“ABA”), 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

The goal of the Competition is to encourage scholarship and to assist law students interested in careers in admiralty and maritime law by providing a platform to showcase their work and develop their professional networks through the Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee (“AMLC”) and TIPS of the ABA. The Competition is co-sponsored by Gard (North America) Inc. (“Gard”), a leading provider of P&I, marine and energy insurance products.

Each entrant must follow the rules of the Competition:

1. The Competition is open to any U.S. citizen law student or LLM candidate over the age of 21, currently attending an ABA-accredited law school within the United States and its possessions. Employees of the ABA, its respective affiliates, and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible for the Competition. Employees of Gard, its respective affiliates, and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible for the Competition.
2. No entrant may win the Competition Grand Prize more than once.
3. Each entrant may submit only one paper.
4. Submissions should address a recent development in admiralty and maritime law and must not exceed 20 pages of double-spaced typed text, and 12-point Book Antiqua (or similar) font.
5. Submissions should be presented in a scholarly newsletter article style that includes a discussion of the topic and full citations to authority in footnotes. Submissions should conform to the current edition of *The Bluebook – A Uniform System of Citation*.



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6. Papers prepared for classes, journals, or for other purposes or publications are welcome but must be reworked as to be a new original paper. Failure to submit an original paper will result in disqualification and selection of a new winner.

7. The ABA prohibits the use of all generative artificial intelligence, including large language models, to create any portion of a contestant's written submission for this competition whether in the research, writing, or editing phase. Generative AI in this context includes, but is not limited to, OpenAI's "GPT" series, BLOOM, Jasper, BERT, Galactica, and Lex. Note that for these purposes, AI does not include basic tools for checking grammar, spelling, references, etc. By entering a submission, contestants are affirming that they did not utilize AI in the preparation of their written work product. The ABA reserves the right to screen submissions for use of AI through an AI detector. Contestants utilizing AI to generate their work product in whole or in part will be disqualified. If it is determined after the winner is announced and the prize is awarded that the winning contestant utilized AI to generate the written submission in whole or in part, then the contestant will forfeit the winning designation and shall return the prize. A new winner will then be selected.

8. Papers must be submitted by e-mail to Jessica Link Martyn at jmartyn@linkmartyn.com no later than 11:59 PM Central Time, Friday, April 30, 2024.

9. Winners will be notified via e-mail on or around May 31, 2024. The winner must acknowledge and confirm agreement to the terms and conditions of winning the competition **no later than June 7, 2024** after which they forfeit the prize and another winner will be selected.

10. The following information must be included on the title page: (1) title of the submission; (2) entrant's name; (3) ABA membership number (if applicable); (4) law school and expected graduation year; (5) entrant's permanent (and temporary) address, (6) telephone number(s), and (7) e-mail address.

11. Submissions will be judged based on the following criteria: clarity of the topic, significance of the topic, manner in which the topic is treated, organization, quality of analysis, quality of research, authority, and citations, and quality of grammar, syntax, and form. The entries will be judged anonymously by a subcommittee comprised of the AMLC and representatives of Gard. Decision of the Subcommittee is final.

12. The Competition Grand Prize winner will be eligible to receive: (1) an invitation to participate in *A Day in Marine Insurance* with Gard (North America), Inc. (including travel expenses reimbursed by Gard up to \$750); (2) \$1,000 cash prize (\$500 from the ABA and \$500 from Gard); (3) publication of the winning paper in the AMLC Newsletter; and



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(4) waiver of the registration fee and travel expenses reimbursed from the ABA up to \$500 to attend the 2024 ABA TIPS Fall Meeting or the 2025 Admiralty Disruption Conference.

13. The Competition Second Prize winner will be eligible to receive: (1) \$500 cash prize from the ABA; and (2) waiver of the registration fee and travel expenses reimbursed up to \$500 to attend choice of the 2024 TIPS Fall Meeting or the 2025 Admiralty Disruption Conference; and (3) publication of the second prize paper in the AMLC Newsletter.

14. No prize substitutions or transfers will be permitted, and a winner may not receive the value of any portion of the prize in lieu of the prize.

15. The winning entrants will be solely responsible for reporting and payment of all taxes (federal, state, local or other) on prizes, which will include the value of any accommodations and airfare. The winner will be required to complete a W-9, affidavit of eligibility, tax acknowledgment and liability release for tax purposes. All forms must be completed and returned to Guysheena Gibson, TIPS Membership & Marketing Specialist at Guysheena.Gibson@americanbar.org via e-mail within 5 business days of receipt, or prizes will be considered forfeited, and another winner named.

16. By entering, the winning entrant consents to the publication of her/his entry by the ABA, understands that such publication is not guaranteed, and grants the ABA the right of first publication and the non-exclusive, perpetual right to publish the work in its periodicals, books, anthologies, ebooks, audiobooks or any other publication platform, whether print or digital without further compensation. Additionally, the winning entrant must execute a separate publication agreement giving the ABA the publication rights enumerated above and the right to use the article for any other purpose related to the ABA mission. If the winner fails to sign the agreement within 60 days of receipt, the prize will be considered forfeited and another winner named.

16. Entrants who do not win the Grand Prize may submit their entries for publication elsewhere after the contest. The AMLC reserves the right to publish non-winning entrants to the newsletter. Entrants must not submit their articles for publication elsewhere prior to **October 1, 2024**. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the sole responsibility of the entrant.

17. By entering, the Grand Prize and Second Prize winners agree to allow the use of their names, photographs, likenesses, and biographical information for advertising, publicity and promotional purpose in all media without compensation.



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18. The Competition is subject to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. By entering, all participants agree that the Competition shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, that the courts of Illinois shall have exclusive jurisdiction, and that Cook County, Illinois shall be the venue for any dispute or litigation relating to or arising from the competition. Void where prohibited.

19. Chances of winning may vary depending on the number of entries. However, the ABA reserves the right not to award any prize if the judges determine that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection.

20. Conditions of Participation: By participating, each entrant agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of the ABA and Gard, and releases and discharges the ABA and Gard, their subsidiary and affiliated entities, and each of their respective officers, directors, members, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively "Sponsors") from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with this promotion, including without limitation legal claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages, demands or actions of any kind (including without limitation personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light) (collectively "Claims"). Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize constitutes a release by any winner of the Sponsors of any and all Claims in connection with the administration of this promotion and the use, misuse or possession of any prize. Sponsors are not responsible for errors or for lost, late, or misdirected mail or email, or telecommunication or hardware or software failures, including by reason of any bug or computer virus or other failure. Sponsors may cancel, modify or terminate the promotion if it is not capable of completion as planned, including by reason of infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, force majeure or technical difficulties of any kind.

21. Opt-Out Option: Any individual may elect to opt out of receiving future contest or competition mailings from the ABA by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221.

22. Privacy Policy/Data Collection: Information provided by entrants in connection with this Contest is subject to the ABA's privacy policy, available at <http://www.americanbar.org/utility/privacy.html>.