



STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANIMAL LAW SECTION 2011-2012 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

In honor of its fifteenth anniversary, the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Texas announces its first annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. With this competition, the Section seeks to encourage students at Texas law schools to engage in the study, and enter the practice, of animal law.

The Animal Law Section was created in 1996 and now has more than 300 members. The Section is known nationally for its annual Animal Law Institute, which brings in speakers from Texas and nationwide to speak on a wide range of animal law topics. The Section publishes a semiannual newsletter and maintains an active e-mail listsery where members share news and ideas, discuss legal issues, and refer potential clients. For more information about the Section, please visit http://www.animallawsection.org/.

Prize: The top three papers chosen will receive awards of \$2000, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in one of the Animal Law Section's publications.

Topic: Students may write on any topic that is related to Animal Law.

Eligibility: All students currently enrolled in a Texas law school are eligible, including students graduating at Fall 2011 semester-end. No jointly written submissions or papers previously published, or accepted for publication, in any form will be considered.

Deadline: Entries must be received by e-mail by 5:00 p.m. CST on December 5, 2011.

<u>For full submission guidelines</u>, go to http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/.

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