Ohio State Bar Association Environmental Law Award: Call for Papers Submission Guidelines

**Topic:** Any topic that advances the application and practice of environmental, energy or resources law in the State of Ohio.

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to enter the OSBA Environmental Law Award: Call for Papers if you are currently enrolled in law school. The submission must be the student’s original, unpublished and uncopyrighted work. The paper may be prepared to satisfy a course requirement or for other academic credit. However, the paper must be the work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. Only one paper may be submitted per entrant. Joint submissions are not permitted.

**Prize:** The winner of this contest will receive a prize of $1000 donated by McMahon DeGulis LLP. The second place winner will receive a prize of $250.

**Submissions:** Submissions may be of any length up to a maximum of 50 pages, in a double spaced, 8.5x11-inch page format with 12 point font (10 point for footnotes). All entries must be submitted electronically to envlaw@mdllp.net. You will receive a confirmation by email. The subject line should be “Response to Call for Papers” and the paper and cover page should be separate attachments.

Each submission should include a SEPARATE COVER PAGE with the entrant’s name, law school, year of study, mailing and email address, and phone number. The contestant’s name and other identifying markings, such as school name, may not appear on any copy of the submitted essay. The cover page should also include an abstract of not more than 250 words and certification that the article has not been published or is not slated to be published elsewhere. This certification grants McMahon DeGulis LLP and the OSBA the non-exclusive license to publication.

**Submissions must be received by 5 pm EST on January 31, 2018.**

A random number will be assigned to each entry and record of this number on all copies of each essay submitted. Neither the contestant’s identity nor his/her academic institution will be known to the selection committee.

**Selection:** Submitted articles will be judged on the following criteria: relevance to the practice of law in Ohio, timeliness and importance of selected topic; organization; quality of legal analysis; quality of legal research; and quality of the overall writing. **In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker will be the score for relevance to the practice of law in Ohio.** The winning paper is expected to be of law review quality or better.

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