The Intellectual Property and Technology Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin is pleased to announce its Annual 2017-18 Memorial Writing Competition for law students.

RULES OF COMPETITION

The author of the best student article, as judged by the IP Section Board of Directors, will receive an award of $3,000 in cash. The author of the second place article will receive an award of $2,000. The author of the third place article will receive an award of $1,000.

The competition is open to all J.D. candidates at the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University. Only one submission per year per student will be accepted for consideration. A submission from a previous year may not be resubmitted in a subsequent year for consideration.

Academic credit may also be available; the Section suggests that students check with the appropriate Professor or Instructor.

The subject matter of the articles may relate to any branch of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets. The judges will evaluate each submission on several criteria, including complexity and difficulty of topic, depth and quality of analysis, relevance and timeliness of topic and organization and clarity of writing style.

Submissions should be typed and double-spaced (except for footnotes, which may be single-spaced). The font size shall be 12 point or greater; all margins shall be at least one inch. All entries must include a separate page containing the author’s name, address, home phone, and law school. No such personal information shall appear on the submission itself. In preparing submissions, authors should consult and follow the style presented in A Uniform System of Citation (20th ed.). The maximum permitted length of an article is 7,500 words.

Submissions will be accepted with the understanding that the article is an original work prepared by the student and is not a copy or adaptation of work product prepared in connection with employment (such as a memorandum prepared in connection with work at a law firm). By submitting an article to the competition, students shall grant to the IP Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin the non-exclusive right to copy, publish, and distribute the work.

The submission deadline is May 31, 2018. The IP Section Board of Directors will notify winners. Please direct inquiries and send a “hard copy” of your submission to:

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Please contact Atty. Giftos with any address changes after submission. The winners will be notified during the Fall Semester.