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Professor Katharine K. Duvivier
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Re: Announcement of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
Mary Moers Wenig 2012 Student Writing Competition

Dear Professor Duvivier:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Legal Education Committee of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) to request your support for ACTEC’s 2012 Student Writing Competition. Honoring the late Mary Moers Wenig, a member of ACTEC’s Legal Education Committee and a law school professor for over 30 years, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition was established to promote and reward scholarly writing in the field of trusts and estates, including related tax topics.

Specifically, I would greatly appreciate your efforts in encouraging student participation in the competition. Selling points include:

- A broad range of topics in the trusts and estates and related taxation areas. By way of illustration, I am enclosing a list of selected trusts and estates and tax topics.
- Attractive page requirements—the body of a paper must be 20 double-spaced pages and may not exceed 30 double-spaced pages.
- Use of original (but unpublished) papers, including papers prepared for law school credit.
- June 1st deadline which will allow for work over several months.
- No limit on number of Honorable Mention Prizes. Because the judges may award more than one Honorable Mention Prize, students will have greater chances to receive recognition and monetary awards.
- Papers may be co-authored.

The 2012 Competition is open to all law students. The deadline for entries is June 1, 2012. Prizes include $5,000 for the first place winner, $3,000 for the second place winner, $1,000 for the third place winner and a variable amount for Honorable Mention winners. In addition, the top papers will be published by ACTEC. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at ACTEC’s website: www.actec.org.

I have enclosed a POSTER announcing the Competition. Hopefully, you can prominently display it.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in promoting the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Mary Moers Wenig 2012 Student Writing Competition. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Competition.

Sincerely,

Ira Mark Bloom
Selected List of Topics in the Trusts and Estates and Related Taxation Fields

**Trusts and Estates Topics**
Ain’t Mediation Grand?
Audio and Video Wills: Bringing Estate Planning Out of the Dark Ages and Into the Twenty-First Century
Copyright Issues in Estate Planning
Crossroads of Medicaid Planning and the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act
Donor Advised Funds in a Post-Pension Protection Act World
Durable Financial Powers of Attorney
Elder Law Issues for Estate Planners
Estate Planning for Pets
Estate Planning for Positive Incentives
How, When, and Why to the Transmutation of Separate Property
Legal and Ethical Considerations of Medicaid Planning
Migrating Couples and Community Property
Premarital Agreements
Role of Physician Assisted Suicide in Advance Directives
Socially Responsible Investing and the Trustee’s Fiduciary Duty
Special Needs Trusts
Tortious Interference in Estate Planning
Trustee Delegations and the Prudent Investor Act
Unanticipated Disability: Trust Modification When Disability Strikes
When Divorce and Death Collide: Why Automatic Revocation Statutes Do Not Go Far Enough

**Taxation Topics**
Automatic IRA’s ARE They Automatically Good?
Buy-sell Agreements in Family-Owned Companies
Conservation Easements Before and After the Pension Protection Act of 2006
Death of the State Death Tax Credit
Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples
Federal Estate Tax Policy Considerations
Future of Formula Clauses
Limitations and Options When Planning for the Estates of Non-Citizen Residents
Patenting Tax Advice
Promissory Note Sales to IDGT
Replacing the Current Federal Transfer Tax System with an Income-Inclusive Tax
Special Valuation Rule for Farm Estates
Use of §529 Plans in Estate Planning
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Trusts and Estates
Writing Competition for Law Students

Cash Awards for Winning Papers

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*Variable Amount Based on Number of Papers Awarded Honorable Mention Prize.

TOPICS
A paper submitted that complies with the rules will be considered if it meets the following topical criteria:

Student written scholarly works that address one or more legal issues in the area of trusts and estates and related taxation.

DEADLINE
The deadline for submission is June 1, 2012.

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www.actec.org

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