



MARY MOERS WENIG STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

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The ACTEC Foundation is proud to support this annual legal writing competition, open to any law student in good standing (full-time or part-time) currently enrolled at the time of submission, or who was a student within the past 90-day period prior to submission as a J.D. or L.L.M. candidate, in an ABA-accredited law school within the U.S. or its possessions.

Area and Topics: The paper must relate to the area of trusts and estates, broadly defined. Any one or more of the following topics are appropriate for discussion:

- Business Planning
- Charitable Planning
- Elder Law
- Employee Benefits
- Estate Planning and Drafting
- Fiduciary Accounting
- Fiduciary Administration
- Fiduciary Income Taxation
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Professional Responsibility
- Substantive Laws for the Gratuitous
- Transmission of Property
- Wealth Transfer Taxation (Estate, Gift and GST Tax)

1st Prize

A Full Tuition Scholarship to the Heckerling Graduate Program in Estate Planning at the University of Miami School of Law for the 2026-2027 or 2027-2028 academic year (candidates must apply and be admitted as full-time students to be considered for the scholarship), \$5,000 award and publication in the *ACTEC Law Journal*.

2nd Prize

\$3,000 award, online publication on the ACTEC Foundation's website, and possible publication in the *ACTEC Law Journal*.

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