

**AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY JOURNAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION STAFF COMPETITION**

The *American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal (AIPLA QJ)* is conducting its annual National Publication Staff competition on Friday, March 14, 2008 through Monday, March 17, 2008. Any student who has two full academic years remaining in an ABA accredited law school, e.g. first-year full-time J.D. candidates or second-year part-time J.D. candidates, are eligible to compete.

The *AIPLA QJ* is a publication of AIPLA, one of the largest private bars of intellectual property attorneys in the world. The *AIPLA QJ* is run through the efforts of the Editorial Board, the Publication Staff, and Administrative Staff; all coordinated by the Editor-in-Chief. The Editorial Board is comprised of a national group of AIPLA professional members who are experts in the field of intellectual property law. The Editorial Board is responsible for assisting the Editor-in-Chief with the selection and substantive editing of the articles published in the *AIPLA QJ* and setting policy for the *AIPLA QJ*. The Publication staff is comprised of AIPLA student members selected from a national writing competition each year. The staff is coordinated by four Executive Editors (the Executive Articles Editor, the Executive Managing Editor, the Executive Notes Editor, and the Executive Production Editor), three Articles Editors, and three Notes Editors. These editors are selected each year from among the first-year Publication Staff. The Administrative Staff are employees of AIPLA who work at AIPLA headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

The *AIPLA QJ* is designed to promote an exchange of intellectual insight and debate on issues of intellectual property law. The AIPLA and *AIPLA QJ* participants strive to make the *AIPLA QJ* the premiere intellectual property law journal for intellectual property practitioners.

The Candidate Agreement and Request to Compete form is enclosed. All eligible students interested in competing in the Publication Staff Competition must submit a signed Candidate Agreement and Request to Compete form no later than Friday, **March 7, 2008** to AIPLA Headquarters, ATTN: Nneka St. Gerard: AIPLA QJ, 241 18<sup>th</sup> Street South, Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22202; (703) 415-0786 (fax). **Material must be received by March 7, 2008.**

Any questions regarding the competition may be referred to the Executive Notes Editor at (202) 994-8620 or by e-mail at [qj@aipla.org](mailto:qj@aipla.org) (with "Attn: ENE" in the Subject Line) before **Friday, March 7, 2008.**

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**CANDIDATE AGREEMENT**

Competition candidates must read and understand the following agreement:

- a) Address Requirement: I am responsible for providing, on the enclosed competition request form, an address to which the competition packet will be sent. The *AIPLA QJ* will mail this packet to me via express delivery for delivery on Friday, March 14, 2008. The *AIPLA QJ* is not responsible for mis-routing or non-receipt of competition packets. I must be present at the given address to pick up the competition packet.
- b) Submission of the Competition: I must mail four (4) copies of the completed competition (in one envelope) to the *AIPLA Quarterly Journal*, Attn: Executive Notes Editor, 2000 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20052. I must postmark my completed competition **prior to 9:00 p.m.** on Monday, March 17, 2008. *AIPLA QJ* will not accept late competitions or reimburse me for expenses connected with return of competitions.
- c) Questions about Competition: If I have a question or problem with a competition packet, I should immediately contact the *AIPLA QJ* Executive Notes Editor by phone at (202) 994-8620 or via email at [qj@aipla.org](mailto:qj@aipla.org) with my name, phone number and question as well as "Attn: ENE" in the Subject Line. NOTE: If the question is not answered, or the call is not returned, I must still meet original deadlines. Extensions will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances.
- d) Competition Eligibility: I must be a first-year full-time J.D. candidate or second-year part-time J.D. candidate attending an ABA-accredited American law school. I must have two full years remaining in law school in order to compete. I am eligible to compete only one time.
- e) Diversity Statement: I may submit a diversity statement with my application, which will be a personal statement describing how my contribution to the *AIPLA QJ* will enhance its membership's diversity. *AIPLA QJ* will include a diversity plan application form with the competition materials. I may submit the diversity statement independently of the writing competition within two (2) days after the writing competition is due. I must therefore submit the diversity statement by Wednesday March 19, 2008. *AIPLA QJ* will keep my diversity statement confidential and anonymous. More information regarding this optional diversity statement will be included with the competition packet.
- f) Note Writing Assignment: If I am selected to join the *AIPLA QJ* as a staff member, I agree to complete one legal note of publishable quality on a topic approved by the faculty advisor and the production staff executive board. My Notes Editor and Executive Notes Editor will communicate regularly with me to provide guidance and ensure compliance with all Note deadlines. Specific instructions concerning the Note format are contained in the *AIPLA QJ* Manual, which I will receive at Orientation.

- g) Faculty Advisors: If selected for membership on the *AIPLA QJ*, I am responsible for obtaining a faculty advisor at my law school within the first week of my fall semester. This faculty advisor will be responsible for overseeing my note writing assignment and monitoring my production assignments to ensure that deadlines are met for all assigned work. Further, retaining a faculty advisor is necessary to ensure that I obtain academic credit for work on the *Journal* at my law school. Changing faculty advisors is prohibited, except upon the express written consent of the Editor-in-Chief.
- h) Articles Editing Assignments: If I am selected to join the *AIPLA QJ* as a staff member, I agree to complete all articles editing assignments that are assigned to me by the Executive Articles Editor on a timely basis. Instructions on how to complete such assignments will be provided at Orientation.
- i) Communication and Computer Equipment Requirements: In order to facilitate nation-wide communication and production assignments, compatible word processing and communication facilities are required of all publication staff. As a staff member, I am responsible for obtaining access to the necessary equipment and software. Such equipment includes: telephone, facsimile machine, e-mail, access to the Internet, and a personal computer. The *AIPLA QJ* is currently using Corel WordPerfect 10 for all production work. I am therefore responsible for submitting all production assignments in a format compatible with this environment. The *AIPLA QJ* will not convert files into any other format. Failure to comply with this requirement is grounds for immediate dismissal from the publication staff.
- j) Exclusivity of Membership: One of the objectives of the *AIPLA QJ* is to provide a maximum number of staff positions to motivated candidates who will gain experience in research, writing and editing intellectual property law related articles. All candidates are hereby notified that no member of the *AIPLA QJ* publication staff may accept or retain a position with any other Law Review, Law Journal, or student legal publication while also a member of the publication staff. This restriction also applies to production staff editors.
- k) Membership in AIPLA: If I am selected to join the *AIPLA QJ* as a staff member, I must become a member of AIPLA for the duration of my tenure and am responsible for paying membership dues on an annual basis.
- l) Orientation: If I am selected to join the *AIPLA QJ* as a staff member, I will either attend the one-day orientation held in late August in Washington, DC, or watch a video tape of the orientation and review the distributed materials. Students attending DC metro area schools are required to attend a one-day orientation in Washington, DC. Students outside the DC metro area may watch a videotape of the orientation and review the distributed materials. The exact date of the orientation will be determined during the summer of 2008.

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**REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR A PUBLICATION STAFF POSITION**

DIRECTIONS: Please complete this form and submit to AIPLA Headquarters via fax or mail for delivery no later than **Friday, March 7, 2008.**

AIPLA Headquarters  
ATTN: Nneka St. Gerard, AIPLA QJ  
241 18<sup>th</sup> Street South, Suite 700  
Arlington, VA 22202  
(703) 415-0786 (fax)

STUDENT COMPETITOR (type or print clearly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS (for receiving the competition packet): \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I have fully read the *AIPLA Quarterly Journal* Candidate Agreement and agree to comply with its requirements. I understand that if I am selected to participate on the *AIPLA Quarterly Journal* Publication Staff, I am fully committed to participate from August 2008 through May 2010 and will be a law student during that period. I promise to honor my commitment by completing, adequately and timely, all production work assigned to me as well as a publishable-quality Note within the deadlines assigned.

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Signed

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Date