The Intellectual Property Law Section Writing Contest was established in 2004 to provide an opportunity for law students to express in writing their insight and knowledge in the areas of patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets or trade dress. As a tangible incentive, the Section has established a cash award of $500 for the winning entry. The winning entry will also appear in one of our upcoming newsletters and on the Section page of the PBA website. In addition, the winning entrant will be invited to attend the Section’s meeting in Pittsburgh the second week of May 2017 to receive the award and to present a brief summary of their winning entry in person.

The annual competition is open to all students currently enrolled in one of the following Pennsylvania law schools: Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Penn State Dickinson Law, Penn State Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law and Widener University Commonwealth Law School. Pennsylvania residents attending other law schools within the United States are also invited to participate in the competition.

Submissions must be the entrant’s original creation and may not have been published previously. A panel of qualified judges selects the winner based on content, quality and relevancy.

Entries should be less than 5,000 words (NOT including footnotes). While exceeding this word count will not eliminate entries from consideration, brevity may be taken into account by the judges. Entries should be submitted electronically to the Section Relations Coordinator, Pamela K. Kance, pam.kance@pabar.org, by April 14, 2017.