Haiku Contest Official Rules

Sponsor. The American Bar Association (ABA), 321 North Clark, Chicago, IL 60654.

Eligibility. You are eligible to enter the Haiku Contest (Contest) if you are (i) a current full or part-time student at an ABA accredited law school, (ii) a U.S. Resident, and (iii) a member of the ABA and the ABA Law Student Division. Please note that if you are not already an ABA member or a member of the ABA Law Student Division, your entry serves as your enrollment form for the free ABA membership available to law students. Directors, officers and employees of the ABA and their immediate family or household members are not eligible. You may cancel your membership at any time by calling 800-285-2221. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.

Entries. Entrants may submit one unpublished haiku (haiku are only 17 syllables in the form of 5-7-5) that has not been submitted for publication or to any other Contest. Publication is defined as an appearance in a printed book, magazine or journal (sold or given away), or in any online journal that presents edited periodic content. The appearance of poem in online discussion lists or personal websites is not considered publication. Haikus submitted must be the original work of the submitter. Joint submissions are not permitted. Judges will disqualify any haiku that they have seen before. All entries must be submitted electronically to the ABA using the form and instructions available at www.ambar.org/haikucontest. Entries will not be accepted by any other means. Use the form to include the entrant’s name, address, e-mail address, phone number, entry, and school information. Entries become the property of the ABA and will not be returned. Once an entry is submitted, no changes may be made. By entering this Contest, entrants give permission for the ABA to announce their name if selected as the winner and permission to publish their submission (see Publication Section below). The Sponsor is not responsible for any technical malfunction or service outage related to the Contest.

Topic(s). Each entry must address: A recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision (2017 or 2018 terms) or the U.S. Constitution.

Length. Each haiku entered must contain only 17 syllables in the form of 5-7-5.

Entry Deadline. The deadline for receipt of entries is 11:59 PM ET on November 15, 2018. Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Selection of Winners (One First Place Winner and Two Runners-Up). Selection of winners and runners-up will be based on originality, creativity, adherence to the theme, and overall quality. The Contest Committee will be made of ABA Young Lawyers Division leaders and will select no more than one winner and two runners-up from among the eligible entries that, in the sole discretion of the ABA, meet minimum quality standards and best reflect the theme. Winners will be notified by email by December 8, 2018 at 5 PM ET. They must respond by December 15, 2018 at 5 PM ET and must take possession of their prize by December 22, 2018. If winners do not respond by both deadlines, they will be disqualified and alternate winner(s) will be selected. Winners will be announced on or about January 15, 2019 and posted on the Haiku Contest webpage and the ABA Young Lawyers Division and Law Student Division Facebook pages.

Prizes. The first place winner will receive a $300 Apple Store Gift Card. Two runners up will each receive a $100 Apple Store Gift Card. Sponsor has the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. Apple is not a Sponsor of this Contest. Winners must submit a completed W-9 to receive their prize. The full fair market value of the prize will be reported on a 1099. Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes.

Odds of Winning. Chances of winning will vary depending on the number and quality of entries. However, Sponsor reserves the right not to award any prize if the judges determine that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection that year.

Publication. Winning entries may potentially be published on the ABA website, the ABA Facebook
pages, the ABA twitter feeds, and in the ABA publications such as TYL and the Law Student Division Magazine. Other entries may also be considered for publication. The decision whether to publish any entry is made by the editor and publisher. By entering, the entrants grant to the ABA the following rights: (1) the exclusive worldwide right of first publication of their entry in any and all ABA media or form of communication; (2) the non-exclusive worldwide right, in ABA’s sole discretion, to use, transcribe, publish reproduce, distribute, sell (as part of an ABA publication) or display the entry, alone or in conjunction with other materials; (3) the right to edit the haiku to conform to the publication’s standards of style, technological requirements, language, grammar and punctuation, provided the meaning of the essay is not materially altered; and (4) the non-exclusive worldwide right to use the entrant’s name and likeness in connection with the haiku or this Contest without compensation. Additionally, the winning entrant grants the ABA the publication rights enumerated above and the right to use the haiku for any other purpose related to the ABA mission.

Laws and Regulations. This Contest is governed by U.S. law and all relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. By entering, all entrants agree that the competition shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, that the courts of Illinois shall have exclusive jurisdiction, and that Cook County, Illinois shall be the venue for any dispute or litigation relating to or arising from the competition. Void where prohibited by law.

Disputes. The American Bar Association will be the final arbiter of all questions regarding entries, judging, and interpretation of the rules and any other aspect of the Contest.

Conditions of Participation. By participating, each entrant agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, and releases and discharges the ABA, subsidiary and affiliated entities, and each of their respective officers, directors, members, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively “Sponsor”) from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with this promotion, including without limitation legal claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages, demands or actions of any kind (including without limitation personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light) (collectively “Claims”). Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize constitutes a release by any winner of the Sponsor of any and all Claims in connection with the administration of this Contest and the use, misuse or possession of any prize. All entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. Sponsor is not responsible for errors or for lost, late, or misdirected mail or email, or telecommunication or hardware or software failures, including by reason of any bug or computer virus or other failure. Should technical or other difficulties arise that compromise the integrity of the Contest, Sponsor may cancel, modify or suspend the Contest without notice. In that case, the Sponsor reserves the right to award the prizes from eligible entries received before the cancellation. The Sponsor reserves the right to void entries it deems associated with electronic or non-electronic tampering.

Opt-Out Option. Any individual may elect to opt out of receiving future Contest mailings by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221.

Privacy Policy/Data Collection. Information provided by entrants in connection with this Contest is subject to Sponsor’s privacy policy, available at http://www.americanbar.org/utility/privacy.html