

**The George Washington University Law School
The 2011 Marcus B. Finnegan Prize
Competition Information and Rules**

The GW Law Intellectual Property Committee invites entries for the 2011 Marcus B. Finnegan Prize Competition, sponsored by the law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P. All students enrolled in The George Washington University Law School for the Spring Semester 2011 are eligible, whether they are in the day or evening division and whether studying for the J.D. or the LL.M. degree. The prizes consist of cash awards of \$5000 for first place; \$2000 for second place; and \$1000 for third place.

To receive the Finnegan Prize a paper must be of publishable quality and make a significant contribution to the theory and practice of Intellectual Property Law. For purposes of this award, intellectual property law will be considered to include but not be limited to patent law, computer law, copyright, trademarks, franchise law, antitrust, and technology licensing, including international conventions, foreign laws, and comparative studies.

Upon receipt of the entries, the Intellectual Property Committee will determine, within its sole discretion, whether one or more papers meet the minimum standards of publishable quality and significant contribution. If one or more papers meet that standard, the Committee will rank up to three of the best papers and award them the First, Second, and Third Prize. Judging criteria will include clarity of expression, originality and creativity, thoroughness of research, and care and clarity of analysis. Judges may take into account whether the author is a J.D. student or an LL.M. candidate when they apply these criteria. In its sole discretion, the Committee may decide that no paper merits one or more of the awards.

Papers should be between 30 and 75 double-spaced pages in length. Final papers must be submitted to the Records Office, first floor Stuart Hall, The George Washington University Law School, before 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 12th, 2011**. No entry may be published prior to that date.

Substantially all of the work on each paper must be done during the time the author has been a student here. Papers may have been submitted for credit at The George Washington University Law School and may reflect discussions with faculty members, student law review editors, or both. The version submitted for judging, however, may not be the product of significant editorial changes by a person or persons other than the student author.

For further information, please see Associate Dean John Whealan or Professor Bob Brauneis. Further information appears on the following page.

The 2009 Finnegan Prize Competition Rules are as follows:

1. Papers are due on Tuesday, April 12th, 2011, in the Records Office, no later than 5:00PM.

Late papers will not be considered. Papers can be submitted anytime during the week preceding April 12, 2011, to the Records Office in Stuart Hall.

2. Entries must be a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 75 double-spaced pages in at least 12 point type face with 1 inch margins, including footnotes.

3. Your name may not appear on your paper. Please identify yourself on the cover of the paper by your social security number OR GWID number only, and also indicate whether you are a candidate for the J.D. or LL.M. degree.

4. When you submit your paper, please also fill out a competition entry form, which will permit us to match your name and social security number or GWID number at the end of the judging process. Submission of an entry will constitute your representation that substantially all of the work on your paper has been done during the time you have been a student at The George Washington University Law School, and that the paper was not published prior to April 13, 2010.

5. Please indicate on your entry form the names of all persons connected with the GW Law School or the Finnegan, Henderson law firm with whom you have discussed the substance of your paper. These persons will be recused from judging your paper.

6. You must submit **THREE COPIES** of your paper in hard copy, and **ONE COPY** in electronic form (Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF format) to iplaw@law.gwu.edu.

7. Subsequent to entry in the Competition, papers may be published in scholarly journals, provided their entry in the Competition is duly noted.

8. Because the George Washington University Law School may wish to post the winning papers on its website, it requires all entrants to grant the University a limited license to publish their papers. The terms of the license are as follows:

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8. The prize will be awarded at the Academic Awards Ceremony during Graduation weekend.