



## State Bar of California Committee on Women in the Law

# 2003 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

The Committee on Women in the Law of the State Bar of California and the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps invite you to participate in an essay scholarship on the topic:

### **Are there issues of special relevance to women law students that those who recruit and hire lawyers should be aware of?**

**PRIZES:** First prize is a cash award of \$1000 and publication of the essay in a major legal publication. Second prize is \$500 and Third prize is \$250. Honorable mentions may also be awarded. Cash prizes have been generously provided by the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

**SPONSORS:** The 2003 Essay Scholarship is administered and judged by a subcommittee designated by the Committee on Women in the Law.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The scholarship is open to all 1) currently enrolled California law school students; and 2) law school graduates who graduated (a) on or after April 15, 2002 AND (b) are either admitted to the California bar, or have taken the California bar exam and are awaiting the results. Each entrant may submit only one essay, and no co-authored essays will be accepted.

**ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:** No essay will be accepted unless prepared for this scholarship and not previously published. Essay length must range between 1200 and 1500 words, including quoted matter and citations.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2003**. The winner will be notified by July 15, 2003.

### **INSTRUCTIONS AND ENTRY AND AGREEMENT FORM**

**Preparation:** The essay is to be printed double-spaced on one side of plain white, letter-size (8 1/2" x 11") paper. The number of words on each page should appear on the lower right-hand corner of all three copies of the page. The total number of words in the essay should be entered on the last page of the essay text. In computing the number of words, all articles and prepositions should be counted. Count numbers and abbreviations as words. For example: F.2d = 1 word. 47 F.2d 207 = 3 words.

**Mailing:** The essay and the Entry and Agreement Form should be mailed as first-class matter on or before April 15, 2003. U.S. Postal Service postmark will determine mailing date.

Entries should be mailed to:  
CWIL Essay Scholarship  
c/o Kate O'Connor  
Office of Legal Services, Access & Fairness Programs  
State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For further information, contact Kate O'Connor at (415)538-2141 or [Kate.Oconnor@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:Kate.Oconnor@calbar.ca.gov)



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**2003 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP  
Entry and Agreement Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am an eligible entrant and that the essay was prepared by me for this scholarship and has not heretofore been published. I agree to abide by the decision of the State Bar of California Committee on Women in the Law on any question raised in connection with the conduct of the scholarship and the selection of the winning essay. If my entry is judged to be the winner, I grant the State Bar of California the right to reproduce, publish, and use, on its website and in any other form, my essay, name, photograph, likeness, biographical information, and statements made by me, anywhere and anytime in connection with the Scholarship. I hereby assign all rights in my essay, including copyright, to the State Bar of California and I agree and acknowledge that all essays are subject to editing by the State Bar of California, the California Bar Journal or other selected publications. I, for myself and anyone related to me, release the state Bar of California or anyone acting on its behalf, from any and all damages and expenses that I may incur from or relating to my participation in the Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **State Bar of California Committee on Women in the Law**

### **2003 Essay Scholarship**

The Committee on Women in the Law (CWIL) is composed of fifteen attorneys and public members appointed by the Board of Governors to serve as a liaison between the State Bar of California and women attorneys. The CWIL's mission is to encourage women attorneys to become active participants in the legal profession and in the State Bar and make specific recommendations for increasing that participation, to study and report on the status of women in the legal profession and in State Bar activities, and to produce and present programs and materials designed to maximize opportunities for women in the legal profession and in the administration and governance of the State Bar's programs and activities. In addition to sponsoring elimination of bias programs and conducting outreach to local bar associations, the CWIL provides outreach to women law students and to disadvantaged high school students.

As part of its outreach to the law school community, the CWIL sponsors the Essay Scholarship to encourage scholarship that examines the status of women in the legal profession. The 2003 Scholarship is the Committee's second year in coordinating such a competition, which it anticipates to make an annual event.

*For additional information on the Essay Scholarship or the State Bar Committee on Women in the Law, contact Kate O'Connor at 415.538.2141 or [Kate.Oconnor@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:Kate.Oconnor@calbar.ca.gov)*