



# The William Trickel, Jr. Memorial Writing Award



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The Health Law Section of The Florida Bar announces the **WILLIAM TRICKEL, JR. MEMORIAL WRITING AWARD** to recognize excellence in authorship of scholarly writing in the field of health law.

The paper must be on a subject in the area of federal or Florida health law. Students are permitted to choose their own health law topic. However, the judges are practicing attorneys who expect a legal analysis of your topic, as opposed to an essay or other narrative discussion.

The following general requirements must be satisfied in order for a paper to be deemed eligible for judging. All other papers will be returned to the author. The papers shall be the work of students in Florida law schools and law students in an accredited LL.M or certificate Health Law Program. Each author must submit one copy with a cover sheet containing the title of the paper and the identity of the author, including name, address, telephone number and law school and a second copy should have a cover page with title and no other identifying information. No more than one student author per paper is permitted. Papers that have been published or are pending publication in a law review must be submitted in substantially different form than that published or pending publication and must comply with all of the rules. Papers must be submitted on a floppy disk in Word or Word Perfect format and must be double spaced, not to exceed 25 pages in length, excluding endnotes. Pages must be numbered at the bottom of each page, and must be printed in 12-point type. All legal citations should appear in proper legal format as endnotes to the paper, and must

be in accordance with the most recent edition of A Uniform System of Citation. Margins shall be not less than one inch at the top and right side of the page, and not less than one and one-half inches on the bottom and left hand side of the page. All submissions should be sent to the address indicated on this brochure and must be postmarked or delivered with a receipt no later than July 1, 2003.

Judging will be conducted by members of The Florida Bar, appointed by the Executive Council of the Health Law Section. The judges will look for indications of solid and extensive legal research, thoughtful analysis of legal issues, balanced presentation that includes the case law or other legal resources that disagree with the premises presented by the author, clear and logical expression of opinions, and a supportable conclusion with regard to the selected issue of law. Prizes will be awarded in the discretion of the judges.

Accordingly, as appropriate to the topic, papers should include a review of the relevant case law, and a review of any relevant legislative action, agency action and legal commentary. Authors may present a balanced analysis of opposing points of view or arguments in support of one point of view. If you choose to advocate one point of view, however, you should recognize and deal with any relevant cases or other authorities, existing or anticipated, which stand in opposition to your view.

Submissions may be in the format of the author's choice, including any form of legal memo, legal brief, appellate brief or law review article. Whatever the format, your paper should provide the reader with information,

legal precedent and sound, persuasive legal arguments. It should not be merely a newspaper article or other journalistic essay. Creativity and originality are encouraged, but should not overshadow realistic presentation and interpretation of the legal precedent and current law regarding the issue. The paper should be structured in a manner which is clear and logical for the format of the author's choice.

Do not contact members of the judging committee. If you have a question, contact a professor in your law school or The Florida Bar (850/561-5630). Contact with a judge may, depending upon the circumstances, disqualify an entry.

Each paper submitted will be listed and indexed by the Health Law Section and will be made available as a resource to Section members and the public. Accepted papers may be published in *The Florida Bar Journal*, *The Florida Bar News*, the Health Law Section Newsletter, or the Section's website.

Before awarding prizes, entrants must sign a release and indemnification and otherwise be in compliance with the rules.

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<b>First Prize:</b>	\$5,000
<b>Second Prize:</b>	\$2,500
<b>Third Prize:</b>	\$1,000