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### Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to advise you that the Jackson Lewis law firm and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace will again co-sponsor the Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. Papers discussing topics relating to the law governing the workplace are due **Tuesday**, **January 20, 2015**.

We are grateful to the firm Jackson Lewis for creating this opportunity, which is intended to honor the memory of one of the firm's founders, Louis Jackson. The Institute for Law and the Workplace coordinates the administrative aspects of the competition. A key feature to note about the competition is that the entries are blind-judged by a panel of law professors from across the United States – neither the Institute for Law and the Workplace nor Jackson Lewis is involved in the judging.

This is the sixteenth year of the competition. In priors years, winning entries have come from students at:

Baylor Univ. School of Law	Boston College Law School	Brigham Young Univ., J. Reuben Clark Law School
Brooklyn Law School	Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Law	IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
CUNY School of Law	Duke Univ. School of Law	Florida Coastal School of Law
George Mason Univ. School of Law	Harvard Law School	Lewis & Clark Law School
Northeastern Univ. School Law	Northern Kentucky Univ., Salmon P. Chase College of Law	Ohio State Univ., Michael E. Moritz College Law
St. John's Univ. School of Law	Univ. of California Irvine School of Law	Univ. of California Los Angeles School of Law
Univ. of Colorado School of Law	Univ. of Connecticut School of Law	Univ. of Denver, Sturm College of Law
Univ. of Georgia School of law	Univ. of Illinois College of Law	Univ. of North Carolina School of Law
Univ. of Oregon School of Law	Univ. of Pennsylvania Law	Univ. of San Francisco School of Law
Univ. of Tennessee College of Law	Univ. of Toledo College of Law	Univ. of Wisconsin Law School
Valparaiso Univ. School of Law	Wake Forest Univ. School of Law	

The enclosed announcement contains detailed information about the competition for you to make available to your students. Please contact me at 312.906.5056 or mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu for any other information about the competition or the Institute for Law and the Workplace. You may also visit the competition website at http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition. Thank you in advance for your assistance in publicizing the Louis Jackson competition to your students.

Sincerely,

Martin H. Malin

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# 2014-2015 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law Co-sponsored by Jackson Lewis LLP

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Institute for Law and the Workplace

# **TOPIC**

Judges will consider papers on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination.

# **REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY**

Entries must be the law student author's own work and must not be submitted for publication elsewhere. Authors must have completed or be currently taking course work in employment or labor law, and must be enrolled in an accredited law school during the Fall 2014 semester. Only the first two submissions per law school will be accepted as entries for consideration.

#### **FORMAT**

Entries must be suitable for publication in a law review. Citations must conform to current Bluebook style. Papers must be printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper and must not exceed 35 pages in length, including footnotes, set in 12 point Times Roman font with double spacing and one inch margins.

An entry consists of three copies of the paper, submitted as a packet with three removable cover sheets indicating the law student author's name, address, telephone number, email address, law school, paper title, labor and employment law course work history, and a brief paragraph describing the genesis of your interest in the field. Judging will be blind, so the only identification that may appear on the first or subsequent pages of the paper is the paper title.

#### **AWARDS**

One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. (Electronic versions of winning papers will be required.)

#### JUDGING

Entries will be blind-judged by an independent panel of law professors from across the United States. The determination of the judges' panel is final. Neither Jackson Lewis LLP nor the Institute for Law and the Workplace will be involved in judging the competition.

## **SUBMISSION**

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Entries should be mailed to:

Louis Jackson Writing Competition c/o Institute for Law and the Workplace Chicago-Kent College of Law Illinois Institute of Technology 565 West Adams Street Chicago, IL 60661-3691

#### CONTACT

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#### Jackson Lewis LLP

The Jackson Lewis law firm has been engaged in the practice of employment, labor, and benefits law on behalf of management for over 50 years. With offices in major cities throughout the United States, the firm has a national perspective and an awareness of local business environments. Jackson Lewis pioneered the concept of preventive employee relations to help employers shape a positive and productive workplace. The Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition honors the memory of Louis Jackson, who provided inspiration, guidance, friendship and good humor for 39 years to all associated with Jackson Lewis.