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#### 2016 BRUCE M. STARGATT LEGAL ETHICS WRITING COMPETITION

**The Competition:** This writing competition is made possible by an initial generous gift to the Delaware Bar Foundation from Mrs. Barbara Stargatt and her family in memory of her late husband, Bruce M. Stargatt. Bruce was a distinguished Delaware lawyer who, among many other accomplishments, was a founding partner of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, and a past president of the Delaware Bar Foundation and the Delaware State Bar Association.

**Writing Topic:** In keeping with Bruce Stargatt's keen interest in legal writing and the ethical practice of law, we invite papers concerning ethical issues in the practice of law. Beyond this general description, the precise issue to be dealt with is in the author's discretion.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to (i) law students (undergraduate or graduate) at, and 2016 graduates of, Delaware Law School, (ii) law students or 2016 law school graduates who graduated from a high school or college in Delaware, and (iii) law school graduates who have registered for or have taken the 2016 Delaware Bar Examination.

**Prizes and Publication:** Cash prizes of \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded to the top three papers. The first place paper will be published in "Delaware Lawyer" magazine (a publication of the Delaware Bar Foundation, distributed quarterly without charge to all members of the Delaware Bar). The author of the first place paper will be invited to receive his or her prize at the Delaware State Bar Association/Delaware Bar Foundation seminar in Wilmington in October 2016. Prizes will not be awarded if the judges determine that no entry meets the appropriate standards.

**Deadline and Submission:**

- (1) Papers must be submitted by midnight (EDT) on September 1, 2016.
- (2) Papers must be submitted electronically to [mflynn@delawarebarfoundation.org](mailto:mflynn@delawarebarfoundation.org).

- (3) Direct questions to Bruce M. Stargatt Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Delaware Bar Foundation, 100 W. 10th St., Suite 106, Wilmington, DE 19801, or 302-658-0773, or [mflynn@delawarebarfoundation.org](mailto:mflynn@delawarebarfoundation.org).
- (4) Prize winners will be informed on or before October 1, 2016.

Rules:

- (1) No paper that has been previously published in any form will be considered. However, papers written for course credit will be considered as long as they have not been published.
- (2) Each paper must be the original work of the submitting author. The author must execute and submit with her/his paper the License Agreement attached hereto.
- (3) The length of the paper should not exceed 2500 words, including the title page, body, footnotes, figures and tables, if any. The Delaware Bar Foundation reserves the right to edit papers for publication due to space constraints when necessary.
- (4) Citations should be in standard Bluebook form.

Judging:

- (1) Papers will be judged by a panel of three judges composed of a current or former Delaware Supreme Court Justice, a partner or former partner of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, and the Editor-in-chief, or his/her designee, of "Delaware Lawyer."
- (2) The criteria to be applied in judging the papers will include quality of writing, responsiveness to the topic, originality and thoughtfulness, quality of analysis and citation of authority supporting arguments.