

# New York Law Journal

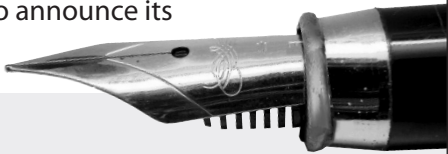
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## Fiction Writing Contest

So, you're a brilliant writer trapped in the body of an attorney?

Well, here's your chance to prove it.

New York Law Journal is pleased to announce its  
**9th Annual Fiction Writing Contest.**



### To enter, you must...

- ...be a law student or an attorney.
- ...not have published the submitted work in a book or journal (not including school publications).
- ...submit five copies of a short story or a first chapter of a novel about the law or lawyers, not exceeding 5,000 words, by **November 6, 2009**, with the official entry form.

### New York Law Journal's Annual Fiction Writing Contest Entry Form

**DEADLINE:  
November 6,  
2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Law Firm or Law School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this entry form, along with five copies of each writing entry to:  
**Fiction Contest, New York Law Journal, 120 Broadway, 5th FL, New York, NY 10271**

Entries will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges.

The winning entry will be published in the December 8th issue of *New York Law Journal*.

Three winning authors will receive monetary awards!

### The Rules...

1. The First Prize winner and top entries will be published in the December 8th issue of *New York Law Journal*, and on the *New York Law Journal's* websites.

2. In addition, the prizes that will be awarded, provided a reasonable number of qualified entries are received, are as follows: One First Prize winner; \$1,000; One Second Prize winner, \$500; One Third Prize winner, \$250. Each of the First Prize, Second Prize and Third Prize winners will also receive a one-year free subscription to the print edition of the *New York Law Journal* or ALM, newspaper publication of their choice. ALM reserves the right to substitute a prize of greater or equal value. Odds of winning are determined by the total number of entries received.

3. Finalists shall be notified by U.S. mail, Return Receipt Requested, on or after November 1st 2009 and will be required to sign and return within 10 days of notification an affidavit of eligibility and release of liability. To the extent permitted by law, entrants will also be required to grant ALM and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, dealers, agencies, and judges (collectively "Sponsor") use of the winning writing sample. **\*Submission of an entry grants Sponsor the right to publish, use, edit, adapt, and/or modify the entry in any way, in any media whether now known or hereafter created without territorial, time, use of or other limitations for any and all purposes, including, but not limited to, the right to publish the work or parts of the work, in New York Law Journal or in other publications or websites owned by ALM without added compensation to or approval by the winners.** In addition, the winners will be required to grant Sponsor use of their name, likeness and biographical information in advertising and publicity about this contest or future contests without added compensation or approval, except where prohibited by law. Failure to comply with all or any of these conditions may result in prize forfeiture. Upon written notification of the First Prize, Second Prize and Third Prize winner, cash prizes must be redeemed within 30 days of the postmarked date. Unclaimed prizes will not be awarded.

4. Contest open only to practicing attorneys admitted to the bar in one of the 50 United States or D.C.; students at an ABA accredited United States law school; and graduates of an ABA accredited United States law school, excluding all legal residents of Rhode Island, Florida and Arizona ("Contestants"). In addition, Contestants must be legal residents of the 50 United States and D.C. Those deriving 5% or more of their income from writing are ineligible. Employees of the Sponsor (i.e., ALM and its subsidiaries and affiliates) and their immediate families are ineligible. Entries received from persons residing in Rhode Island, Florida and Arizona and other geographic areas in which entry is not permissible will be disqualified.

5. Only written submissions of 5000 words or less (e.g., a short story or chapter of a longer work) relating to the law or lawyers are eligible for entry. All other submissions will not be entered into the contest. By entering this competition, you represent and warrant that the

writing sample is an original work of fiction and it has not been published, nor have won, or be currently entered in, any other writing contest. You also represent and warrant that the writing sample will contain no material that infringes or violates any personal property rights of others or that constitutes defamation, invasion of privacy, an infringement of the intellectual property right of any third person, or is otherwise unlawful.

6. **Neither an entry fee nor purchases of any ALM products are required to enter the contest.** You may enter as many writing samples as you wish, but each submission must be accompanied by a completed official Entry Form. Additional official Entry Forms are available by mailing *The New York Law Journal*, 120 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10271, Attn: Michael Bennett.

7. Five copies of each entry must be postmarked **no later than November 6th 2009** and submitted to Fiction Contest, *New York Law Journal*, 120 Broadway, 5th FL, New York, NY 10271. **The first day you may submit entries is July 22nd 2009.** Sponsor is not responsible for illegible, incomplete, mutilated, lost, misdirected, late or postage due entries. To minimize risk, we suggest you retain any unique copies and submit only replaceable items. Entries may be retained, published or disposed of at Sponsor's discretion and will not be returned. ALM, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any person tampering with the entry process or who is otherwise in violation of the rules. It further reserves the right to cancel, terminate or modify any contest not capable of completion as planned, including infected computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, loss of data or technical failures of any sort. ALM shall not be responsible for the foregoing technical failures.

8. Writing samples meeting the contest criteria will be judged by a qualified panel of judges on the basis of plot, character, and phraseology. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Decisions of the judges are final.

9. By entering, you agree to release Sponsor, their employees and representatives from all claims and liabilities in connection with this contest or any of the prizes.

10. Limit one prize per family or household. Prizes won by minors will be awarded to their legal guardian(s). Winners may not transfer prize rights nor obtain substitutions or cash redemptions. All taxes on prizes and incidental expenses not specified in the above prize descriptions are solely the responsibility of the winners. **Offer void in Rhode Island, Florida, Arizona and where prohibited by law.** All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. To receive a copy of these rules or the list of winners, send your request to *New York Law Journal*, 120 Broadway, 5th Floor New York, NY 10271, Attn: Michael Bennett.