



Labor & Employment  
Law Section

*The Dr. Emanuel Stein  
and Kenneth D. Stein  
Memorial Writing Competition*



# Announcement of the Labor and Employment Law Section Writing Competition – Law Students

Submissions are being accepted for the Law Student Writing Competition. The winner of the Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial first prize will have his/her article published in a future issue of the Labor and Employment Law Section Newsletter. The second and third prize articles will also be published in a special edition of the Newsletter. **APPLICATION DEADLINE November 6, 2026!** All participants will receive a complimentary one-year membership in the section.

Dr. Emanuel Stein enjoyed an enviable national reputation as an outstanding labor arbitrator for more than 40 years, and was a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators. Throughout his career he held to the highest ethical and professional standards, strongly believing that the parties wanted the arbitrator to “Call them as you see them, and let the chips fall where they may.”

He served as a public member of the Regional War Labor Board in New York during World War II and the Wage Stabilization Board during the Korean Conflict. Dr. Stein was appointed by President Kennedy to investigate the dispute between Trans World Airlines and its navigators and to a panel to resolve a longshoremen’s strike on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. He also served on various state panels, including one that investigated conditions at New York’s race tracks. He was on the panels of the American Arbitration Association, and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, as well as those of New York and New Jersey.

Dr. Stein’s first love, however, was for the classroom and for teaching a freshman economics course each semester. He taught at New York University, including its Law School, for 44 years, was Chair of its Economics Department from 1955-1967 and Executive Director of the Institute of Labor and Social Security from 1948-1962. He was honored by NYU with the title of Professor of Humanities. Popular with his students, he was an early recipient of the Alumni Federation’s “Great Teacher Award.”

Kenneth Stein, Dr. Emanuel Stein's son, was an outstanding labor and employment lawyer in his own right until his untimely passing at the age of 65 in 2009. He was a name partner in Benetar, Isaacs, Bernstein, Schair & Stein, and in 2004 assumed the role of Managing Partner of the New York City office of Ford Harrison, which he helped open. An active member of the American, New York State and New York County Bar Associations, an author and columnist, and a highly respected leader in his firm ("a lawyer's lawyer"), Kenneth Stein was honored with listings in "The Best Lawyers in America" and "Who's Who in American Law."

## Topic

Any current issue involving labor or employment law. The scope of permissible topics for the article is broad, i.e., any aspect of public or private labor or employment law.

## Eligibility

All law school students.

## Prizes

First Prize \$3,000, Second Prize \$2,000, Third Prize \$1,000.

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## Rules

- (1) Articles must be original from the applicant. Each student entrant is limited to one entry; multiple entries by the same person are expressly prohibited. In addition, they must not have been submitted for other publication or written as part of paid employment.
- (2) All articles are to be submitted in the following format:
  - (a) Typewritten – or submitted in Word or as a PDF by email to [cteeter@nysba.org](mailto:cteeter@nysba.org)
  - (b) Double-spaced;
  - (c) On 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch paper, 1 inch margins;
  - (d) No longer than 20 pages in length (exclusive of endnotes);
  - (e) Citations are to conform to “A Uniform System of Citation”(The Bluebook)
  - (f) Footnotes/endnotes are to be in arabic (1, 2, 3...) and not in roman numerals (I. II. III)
- (3) All articles must be e-mailed or post marked no later than **November 6, 2026**. Articles sent after that date will not be considered. Please send all submissions to:

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- (4) If published by the Section, all articles submitted for the competition become the property of the Labor and Employment Law Section and the New York State Bar Association. No article submitted may be published in any journal or periodical other than the *New York State Bar Association Journal*, or the *Labor and Employment Law Section Newsletter*, until after announcement of the winner of this competition at the Section's Annual Meeting Lunch in January.
- (5) Include a cover letter with your entry stating your name, mailing address, daytime phone number, social security number, name of school and year of graduation.

## Judging

The evaluation standards will be organization, quality of research, depth and originality of analysis, and clarity of style.



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