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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL SELECTS NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Prestigious Law College Announces Winners of the 2005 ACEBC Writing Competition

Washington D.C., July 25, 2005 – The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel has selected the winners of its First Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition, open to all law students nationally. The College is proud to announce that Amanda Walls from The University of Akron School of Law is the winner of the Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award and Jamie Lund from the University of Chicago Law School is the winner of the Clarin M. Schwartz Memorial Award. Each award winner receives a prize of \$1500.00 and will be given a copy of the *Employee Benefits Law* treatise published by the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA). The winners will be honored at the College's annual dinner in Chicago on August 6. Their articles will also be submitted to national journals for publication review.

The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, Inc. (ACEBC) was formed in recognition of significant legal and social policy issues impacting the regulation and management of pension, retirement, group health, welfare and disability plans. The College's mission statement is: "Fostering excellence in the practice of employee benefits law and advancing public understanding of employee benefits." The College encourages the study and development of employee benefits laws and its projects include initiating professional discussions and high level symposiums regarding significant employee benefits issues, working with the IRS on training programs for IRS agents, co-sponsoring continuing legal education programs, and recognizing the achievements of distinguished employee benefits attorneys.

The College's writing competition is to encourage legal scholarship by law students in this evolving area of law. The winning articles by Ms. Lund and Ms. Walls were selected based on, among other factors: (i) depth and creativity of legal analysis; (ii) thoroughness of legal research; (iii) organization and writing style; (iv) difficulty of subject matter; and (v) consideration of labor, tax or other employee benefits policy implications. "The College congratulates both Jamie Lund and Amanda Walls on their winning the 2005 ACEBC Writing Competition. To have been chosen for these awards is a testament to their excellence out of a field of outstanding submissions," said Susan P. Serota, President of the College and a partner of the firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in New York City. The College's website is at: www.acebc.com.

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