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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL SELECTS NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Prestigious Law College Announces Winners of the 2006 Writing Competition

Washington, D.C. September 25, 2006 -- The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel is proud to announce the winners of its Second Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The 2006 winners are Benjamin Takis from Cardozo Law School, who is the winner of the Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award, and Brian Neulander from the Temple University Law School, who is the winner of the Clarin M. Schwartz Memorial Award. Each award winner receives a prize of \$1,500.00 and 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 Washington, DC on September 30, 2006. Their articles will also be submitted to national journals for publication review.

The mission of the College is "Fostering excellence in the practice of employee benefits law and advancing public understanding of employee benefits." To further this mission, the College encourages the study and development of employee benefits law and has established an annual writing competition to encourage legal scholarship by law students in this evolving area of law. The writing competition is open to all law students nationally. Other projects of the College 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 winning articles by Mr. Takis and Mr. Neulander 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 our 2006 Writing Competition winners Benjamin Takis and Brian Neulander. Given the number of outstanding submissions we received this year, to have been chosen for these awards is a testament to the excellence of their papers," said Phyllis C. Borzi, President of the College, and of counsel to O'Donoghue and O'Donoghue LLP and a research professor of health policy in the School of Public Health and Health Services at The George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, DC.

For further information about the College, see the College's website at www.acebc.com. For further information about the Writing Competition, contact Mary Ellen Signorille, Chair of the 2006 Writing Competition Committee, at MSignorille@aarp.org.