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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL SELECTS NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Prestigious Law College Announces Winner of the 2009 Writing Competition

Washington, DC, November 2009 -- The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel announced the winner of its Fifth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The 2009 winners are Christopher Frankenfield of the University of Virginia Law School, who is the winner of the Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award and Raymond A. Franklin of St. John's University School of Law who is the winner of the Clarin M. Schwartz Memorial Award. Each award winner receives a prize of \$1,500 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 November 7, 2009. 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 sponsors 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. Frankenfield and Mr. Franklin 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 2009 Writing Competition winners. 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 David E. Gordon of Frederic W. Cook & Co. in Los Angeles, CA, and President of the College.

For further information about the College, see the College's website at www.acebc.com. For further information about the Writing Competition, contact Peter Kelly, Chair of the 2009 Writing Competition Committee, at Peter.Kelly@bcbsa.com.

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