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Washington, DC – At its 25th Annual Meeting and Gala on September 14, 2024, at the National Portrait Gallery & Smithsonian American Art Museum, the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (ACEBC®) inducted 9 employee benefits attorneys from across the country as new Fellows. The ACEBC® also awarded its annual prizes to the winners of the Sydney M. Perlstadt and Brian J. Dougherty student writing competitions; the winners of the competition for proposals simplifying employee benefit plan regulation; and acknowledged the student winners of the Moot Court competition honoring charter member Nell Hennessy.

“The College is pleased to welcome our distinguished 2024 Class of Fellows and to honor them for their sustained excellence and service to the employee benefits community and the public at large. We’re also extremely proud of all of our award winners,” said Joni L. Andrioff, College President.

ACEBC® Fellows are nationally recognized for professional excellence and a sustained commitment over a career spanning at least 20 years to public awareness and understanding of the law impacting retirement plans, healthcare coverage, welfare and disability benefits, fringe benefits and other employee benefits and employment compensation arrangements affecting the American workforce.

The College’s over 450 Fellows advance its important mission through public discourse of significant legal and social policy issues in employee benefits law through such activities as writing, speaking, teaching, and leadership in bar and professional associations, and through other College activities.

In addition to its annual Gala and student writing, Moot Court and simplification competitions, the College presents symposiums, educational programming and training on employee benefit and employment compensation topics, periodically engages with government agencies on employee benefit regulatory matters and offers a searchable data base of Fellows who serve as expert witnesses and mediators. The College is a 501(c)(3) organization.

A list of the newly inducted Fellows and 2024 award winners is attached. The College’s website is www.acebc.com. For further information, contact Joni Andrioff at (312) 310-1957 or at president@acebc.com.

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2024 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION PRIZES

Brian J. Dougherty Memorial Award:
Alexander (Alec) Sewall, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award:
Nathan Hensley, University of Chicago School of Law

**2024 ELLEN A. (NELL) HENNESSY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MOOT COURT
COMPETITION PRIZES**

Best Team:
Emily Marquez, Kayla Borowitz, and Jenelle Scillia
Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Best Brief:
Winnie Zhong and Xinyu Qiang
George Washington University Law School

Best Oral Advocate:
Winnie Zhong
George Washington University Law School

2024 SIMPLIFICATION AWARD PRIZE

Winners:

J. Mark Iwry, Washington, DC

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