Virginia Wine Law Article Contest

In honor of Virginia Wine Month, the Virginia Wine Council and Strother Law are seeking submissions for the first annual Virginia Wine Law Article Contest. The Virginia Wine Industry is driven by small independent proprietors with a passion for wine and this contest is designed to recognize talented future lawyers with that same passion.

Wine making is a blossoming industry in Virginia and new laws and regulations are passed just as quickly as new vineyards are planted and wineries open their doors. As such, articles dealing with new laws and regulations and how they will effect, aid, or hinder the growth of the Virginia Wine Industry and the viability of Virginia’s farm wineries will receive greater weight during judging.

The contest is open to all students enrolled in an accredited law school for the Fall semester of 2012. Submissions should be on a topic relevant to the Virginia Wine Industry and must be between 2,000 and 5,000 words. All submissions must be delivered to Strother Law by August 31, 2012.

Prizes:
1. First Prize will consist of a $500 scholarship, recognition at a Virginia Wine Dinner, an award certificate and publication of the winning article.
2. Honorable Mention Prizes will consist of an award certificate and publication of the submission.

Judging:
1. 50% weight will be given to the novelty of the subject matter discussed in the article.
2. 50% weight will be given to the written quality of the submission.
3. Length of the submissions shall be irrelevant to judging, provided the submission is within the provided minimum and maximum word limits.
4. All articles will be judged by the Chairman of the Virginia Wine Council and a panel of judges with knowledge of the area.

Rules:
1. The contest is open to any student enrolled at an accredited law school for the fall semester of 2012.
2. Submissions must be received by August 31st, 2012.
3. Submissions must be on an area of law germane to the Virginia Wine Industry.
4. Submissions must be between 2,000 and 5,000 words.
5. Submissions must be hand delivered or submitted by mail to:
   Strother Law, PLC
   The Hillyard-Maury House
   15 East Franklin Street
   Richmond, VA 23219
6. All submissions become property of Strother Law Offices, PLC, and may be used for any purpose.
7. Questions may be sent via email to Jarrod Thomas at jthomas@strotherlaw.com.