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 **WRITING COMPETITION**

The Virginia State Bar Family Law Section (“Family Law Section”) and the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (“AAML”) are sponsoring an annual writing competition open to second- and third-year law students attending Virginia and Washington, D.C. law schools. The top three winning entries will be published in the Summer issue of the *Virginia Family Law Quarterly*. The *Quarterly* is the official publication of the Family Law Section, distributed to approximately 2,000 Virginia judges, lawyers and professors. The top three entries will be awarded the following cash prizes:

1st Place - \$2,500
2nd Place - \$1,500
3rd Place - \$1,000

The top three entries will also receive a plaque from the Family Law Section commemorating their achievement, which will be presented at the Virginia State Bar Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar in Richmond in April. Presentation of the awards will be made by the current President of the Virginia Chapter of AAML.

Entries can be written on any aspect of Virginia family law and must be no longer than 2,500 words. Any entries longer than 2,500 words will not be considered. Entries should be sent to the below email address by no later than February 2, 2022. Winning entries will be determined in the sole discretion of the five-person panel made up of the current Chair of the Board of Governors, a member of the Family Law Section Board of Governors, one AAML Fellow appointed by the Chapter President, a Judge from the Virginia Court of Appeals or a Virginia circuit court, and the editor of the *Quarterly*.

Send entries or questions to Brian M. Hirsch, Editor, *Virginia Family Law Quarterly*, at BHirsch@NOVAFamilylaw.com.