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Dear Dean or Professor:

The Planning & Law Division of the American Planning Association announces its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition. The Competition, which honors the memory of three leading figures in American city planning law (R. Marlin Smith, Richard Babcock, and Norman Williams) is open to law students and planning students writing on a question of significance in planning, planning law, land use law, local government law or environmental law.

The winning entry will be awarded a prize of \$2,000 and submitted for publication in *The Urban Lawyer*, the law journal of the American Bar Association's Section of State & Local Government Law. The Second Place paper will receive a prize of \$400 and one Honorable Mention prize of \$100 will also be awarded.

The deadline for submission of entries is June 5, 2017 and winners will be announced by August 29, 2017. Please refer to the enclosed official rules for further details.

Our past experience has shown that teachers in planning, planning law, land use law, local government law or environmental law are in an ideal position to stimulate student interest in research and writing and to encourage participation in the Competition. Each year, many of the entries appear to have been prepared initially for various courses or seminars. We hope you will add your support to the Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition by encouraging your current and past students to submit entries.

Sincerely yours,

*Alan C. Weinstein*

Professor Alan C. Weinstein, Chair  
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### RULES

- 1. Eligibility.** The competition is open to law students at ABA accredited law schools and planning students at schools listed in the current *Guide to Undergraduate and Graduate Education in Urban and Regional Planning* who are enrolled in or who will complete a program of study leading to the J.D., LL.B., Masters or Ph.D. degree during the 2016-2017 academic year. All entries must be the work of an individual, jointly-authored entries will not be considered. Entries may have been written for another purpose within the last year -- e.g., a paper submitted for a course or internship -- but must not have been previously published.
- 2. Subject Matter.** Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of significance in either city planning or associated areas of law (e.g., land use, local government or environmental law) and will be evaluated based on: (1) originality; (2) contribution to the understanding or development of the fields of planning and law; (3) quality of scholarship; and (4) quality and organization of writing.
- 3. Publication.** As a condition of publication, the author grants to the American Bar Association the following rights: 1) the exclusive right of first publication of the Work throughout the world as part of the publication *The Urban Lawyer*; 2) the nonexclusive right to reprint the Work whenever necessary and to license use of the Work, or any part thereof, in any medium or form of communication in the English language, to others; and 3) the right to use the Work, or any part thereof, in any other publication produced by the American Bar Association. The author shall reserve all exclusive rights not specifically granted to the American Bar Association and will have the rights not specifically granted to the American Bar Association and will have the rights, after the Work has been published, to print the Work in any publication, provided that the author included in the publication the proper credit to the American Bar Association for prior publication of the work.
- 4. Directions for Entries.** Entries shall not exceed forty-five (45) pages with a 1" margin on all-sides. Text should be double-spaced in a minimum ten-point pitch. Manuscripts should follow the stylistic guidelines of the *Chicago Manual of Style* (latest edition) published by the University of Chicago Press. All citations should be footnoted and should conform to *A Uniform System of Citation* (latest edition) published by the Harvard Law Review Association (the Blue Book).
- 5. Submission of Entries.** To enter the competition, send five (5) copies of your entry, **postmarked no later than June 5, 2017**, to Professor Alan Weinstein at the address below. Each copy must have **two title pages**: the first title page should contain the title of the entry, the name/address/e-mail of the student, and identify the student's school and date of graduation; **the second title page should contain only the title of the entry.**

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