



ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT *SERVING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SINCE 1992* LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

ILGL ANNOUNCES 8th ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITIONS – START WRITING NOW!

Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association Writing Competitions: Members and Franklin W. Klein Law Student

The Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association is a not-for-profit professional organization founded in 1992 to serve the needs of the practicing local government attorney. Since its inception, the Association has served as a conduit for publications, workshops, conferences, and website. The Association enables local government lawyers to share information and solutions to problems of mutual interest by providing an open forum for the exchange of ideas and "no holds barred" discussions of issues. Membership in the Association is open to all attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois and actively representing local government. ILGL is an accredited CLE Provider and an affiliate of the Illinois State Bar Association.

The philosophy of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association is to coordinate and promote professional education, information exchange and interaction among local government attorneys in Illinois in order to ensure the highest level of professional representation to units of local government.

In keeping with the philosophy of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association, in late 2016, the ILGL Board approved a proposal for a writing competition centering on topics focused on local government law.

Most practitioners are familiar with the ISBA Lincoln writing contest in which annual awards are given for general legal topics for members of the young lawyers' division. The ILGL competition will be unique in two respects:

1. The competition focuses on local government law.
2. The competition is open to both members and law students. Awards will be given in each category.

The Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association, Franklin W. Klein Law Student Writing Competition ("Competition") honors the memory of a founding member of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd., one of the oldest and respected local government law firms in the State of Illinois and the Sponsor of the writing competition. Franklin W. Klein graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1932 and founded the firm in 1935. He retired from a distinguished legal career in 1996.

The particulars of the competitions:

1. Two Award Categories

- Member
- Law student

Three awards in each category, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards.

2. The Prize

- \$500 for 1st Place
- \$250 for 2nd Place
- \$100 for 3rd Place

Plus a plaque.

Plus the gratitude of local government practitioners.

3. Writing Particulars

- Articles should be 2,500 – 3,500 words
- Submitted electronically in Word format through the Executive Director
- May be jointly written
- Will be considered for publication in the Journal of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association

4. Judging Criteria

- Quality of analysis
- Relevance of topic to the local government practitioner
- Clarity and conciseness

The official rules are published on the ILGL website. (<https://www.ilgl.us/about-us/ilgl-writing-competitions/>)

TIMING

- Entries due on or before December 31, 2024.
- Awards will be given at Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association Annual Conference in February 2025.