CONTEST RULES & ENTRY

Michigan Bar Journal Short-Story Contest

ELIGIBILITY: You must be a State Bar of Michigan member in good standing. State Bar of Michigan staff and members of the State Bar Board of Commissioners and Publications and Website Advisory Committee are not eligible.

FORMAT: Submit an original, unpublished, fictional, law-related short story, not to exceed 3,000 words. We will not accept stories previously submitted for prior SBM short-story contests. Entries must be formatted as double-spaced 8½" x 11" pages. One entry per person. We reserve the right to edit, or to refuse to publish, any manuscript.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by March 1, 2013. An acknowledgement will be sent by e-mail upon receipt of entry.

JUDGING: An independent panel of judges will select up to three winning entries. Entries will be judged on originality and writing quality. The panel's decision is final.

WINNER NOTIFICATION: Authors of winning entries will be notified by e-mail or phone. Winning entries will be published in upcoming issues of the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

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ENTRY SUBMISSION: You may submit your story by e-mail or mail. Stories will not be accepted without a completed entry form. By e-mail: Send your story as a Word or WordPerfect attachment to contest@mail.michbar.org; you may include your entry form as a PDF attachment or mail it separately to the address provided below.

By mail: Send your entry form and short story to Michigan Bar Journal Short-Story Contest, State Bar of Michigan, Michael Franck Building, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933-2012.

ENTRY FORM:

Name

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Address

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Story title

I give the *Michigan Bar Journal* and the State Bar of Michigan complete and exclusive first-time publication rights to the above-titled fictional short story. I certify that I am the author of this short story and that nothing in it is defamatory or invades the rights or privacy or infringes copyrights of any person or entity; further, I agree to indemnify the State Bar, and to hold it harmless, from liability arising out of any copyright infringement claims based on the publication of the short story. I agree not to sue the State Bar of Michigan, and waive all claims against it, arising from or in connection with the publication of this short story. I permit this short story to be reproduced for publication and distribution in the *Michigan Bar Journal*, and to be provided online at http://www.michbar.org.

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