

# **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNOUNCING JON E. HASTINGS MEMORIAL AWARD WRITING COMPETITION**

The Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association is sponsoring an Annual Writing Competition, titled the Jon E. Hastings Memorial Award, in memory of one of its outstanding founding members.

**\$1,200.00 CASH PRIZE POOL.**

**ENTRIES DUE MARCH 28, 2008.**

This is a juried award selection for the best legal writing on a topic of Tennessee or federal environmental law.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Law Students sincerely interested in an environmental related practice as evidenced by participation of one or more of the following:

- A. Paid student member of the Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association.
- B. A participating member of a university environmental law society or other environmental law organization at a Tennessee-based university.
- C. Enrolled in or completed an environmental law class in law school at a Tennessee-based university.
- D. A past or present member of a law school's environmental moot court team at a Tennessee-based university.

### **WHAT?**

Law students who comply with these criteria, may submit an entry in accordance with the Rules of Competition. The Rules of Competition are available from Environmental Law professors or may be obtained by sending an email to Ms. Lynn Pointer at the Tennessee Bar Association, [lpointer@tnbar.org](mailto:lpointer@tnbar.org).

### **WHY?**

One of the primary purposes of the Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association is to improve environmental compliance in Tennessee. We accomplish this goal through a number of means including assisting our members to stay current on issues and promoting a dialogue on substantive environmental law topics.

The Jon E. Hastings Memorial Award Writing Competition has several goals including the following:

- A. To improve the understanding of environmental law in Tennessee through the publication of scholarly articles on pertinent and timely environmental law topics;
- B. To strengthen the relationship among environmental law professors, environmental law students, and environmental practitioners in Tennessee;
- C. To recognize Jon E. Hastings, a founding member of the Tennessee Environmental Law Section, for his contributions to the body of environmental law in the State of Tennessee.

To accomplish these goals, the Environmental Law Section is pleased to extend an opportunity to law students to participate in a writing competition. The winning entry will be published in the Newsletter of the Environmental Law Section.

This competition will be judged by a panel of environmental law practitioners and/or professors selected by the Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association.

The Award Winning paper must be released from copyright or other restrictions for the purpose of publication in the Newsletter.

### **Background**

Jon E. Hastings was a *founding member* of the Environmental Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association, and an attorney with Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry, PLC who passed away at the young age of 45 on August 22, 2004 after a two-year battle with cancer. Jon was a proud member of the Environmental Law Section and an outstanding lawyer in the fields of environmental, telecommunications, and public utility law. Jon was listed in the 2003-2004 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and found the energy to devote time on behalf of numerous philanthropic causes and civic groups.