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2010 LAW STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION ON THE LEGAL INTERESTS OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

\$1,000 PRIZE & SCHOLARSHIP TO THE 2010 NACC CONFERENCE
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COLORADO, April, 2010 – The National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) is accepting essays for the 2010 LAW STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION.

Essay Submission Guidelines:

1. Recommended essay length is 10,000 words;
2. Essays will be evaluated on the importance of the topic to advancing the legal interests of children and families, originality, persuasiveness, and the quality of research and writing;
3. Essay topics of national importance are given preference;
4. Essays must be submitted electronically to: Kellogg.Ann@tchden.org;
5. Include in the body of the email the following: school name, expected graduation date, and contact information for both the school year and the summer (including phone numbers, mailing addresses, and email addresses);
6. Submission deadline: **July 1, 2010.**

The winning essay will be published in the 2010 NACC Law Manual, and the winner will be awarded \$1,000 and a scholarship to the NACC National Conference, October 20-23, 2010 in Austin, TX.

Recent winners of the NACC Law Student Essay Competition:

2009 – *Shuffling to Justice: Why Children Should Not Be Shackled in Court*, by Anita Nabha, Brooklyn Law School

2008 – *Ensuring Equal Access to Education: Ending Racial Isolation in Public Schools in Light of Parents v. Seattle School District No. 1*, by Manali Shah, Catholic University Columbus School of Law

2007 – *Prevention and Rehabilitation of Youth Who Commit Sexual Offenses: The Importance of an Inter-Agency Approach*, by Andrea Randisi, UC Davis Law School

2006 – *Adequate Access or Equal Treatment: Looking Beyond the IDEA to Section 504 in a Post-Schaffer Public School*, by Christopher J. Walker, Stanford Law School

2005 – *Free Exercise in Foster Care: Defining the Scope of Religious Rights for Foster Children and Their Families*, by Kelsi Brown Corkran, University of Chicago

The NACC recognizes that the development and maintenance of the fields of child welfare and juvenile law as a legal specialty require the recruitment of students into the profession. The student writing competition serves to enhance interest in child welfare and juvenile law, as well as to reward students for their writing accomplishments.