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ST. THOMAS MORE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC LAWYERS

Rules for Competition

The Guild of Catholic Lawyers announces a \$100 prize contest for an essay to be known as the St. Thomas More Essay. The subject matter of the essay will be a complete discussion of a decision (to be selected by each contestant) handed down by the New York Court of Appeals, any Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, the United States Supreme Court, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, during the calendar year 1954 which has religious or moral significance. The essay will be entitled:

“THE (RELIGIOUS) (or MORAL)
SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPLICATIONS
OF
_____ vs. _____”

1. The contest is open to all students regularly registered in and attending during the academic year 1954-5 the following law schools located in the City of New York:

Brooklyn Law School
Columbia University School of Law
Fordham University School of Law
New York Law School
New York University School of Law
St. John's University School of Law

2. All essays must be submitted to The Guild of Catholic Lawyers, 51 Chambers Street, New York, N. Y., on or before *August 1, 1955*.

3. The manuscript must be typewritten, double-spaced on approximately 8½" x 11" good quality white bond paper. There must be a 1½" margin at the top and at the left side of the page, and a margin of at least 1" at the right side and at the bottom of the page.

4. An original and two copies of the essay must be submitted. They shall be securely

fastened at the left side to open in book form, with appropriate covers.

5. An acceptable treatment of the subject matter requires not less than 2000 nor more than 3000 words of text exclusive of footnotes and citations.

6. Footnotes and citations shall be typed at the end of the essay, may be single-spaced and shall be keyed by consecutive numbers to the portion of the text to which they refer. Citations of cases, statutes, treatises and other material must conform to the latest edition of "A Uniform System of Citations."

7. Each copy of each essay will be signed with a pseudonym selected by the author. The true name, address and law school of the author will not appear thereon. Each essay submitted will be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the same pseudonym as the essay; and this envelope will contain the true name, address and law school of the author. These envelopes will not be unsealed by the judges until the winning essay has been selected.

8. All essays submitted will become the property of The Guild of Catholic Lawyers.

9. Essays will be judged on the basis of their literary merit, originality of thought, and the degree of legal scholarship they evidence. Judges will be selected by the Guild after August 1, 1955.

10. The Guild reserves the right to refuse to award the prize if no essay is deemed worthy of the award by a majority of the judges.

11. The decision of a majority of the judges in favor of any essay will be sufficient to determine the award. The decision of a majority of the judges will be final upon all matters connected with the contest.