

UH Law Center

Summary of Tax Scholarships & Competition Opportunities

1. Ira Shepard Memorial Scholarship.



Ira Shepard

In Memoriam (deceased 2016)

A.B., Harvard University; LL.B., Harvard University; Emeritus Tax Law Professor, University of Houston Law Center; Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center 1975-2011; Previously: Tax Law Practice, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York City.

Previously Assistant Professor of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, and Visiting Professor of Law, University of North Carolina Law School. Formerly, Special Advisor to the Southern Federal Tax Institute; Fellow, American College of Tax Counsel; 2013 Outstanding Texas Tax Lawyer. Professor Shepard was instrumental in developing the Tax LLM program at the University of Houston and was instrumental in the professional development of tax lawyers for decades.

In his honor, friends and alumni of this school established an annual scholarship to be awarded to a University of Houston Law JD or LLM student. The scholarship is advertised in Symplicity. For further information, please contact UHLC Student Services.

2. HBA Tax Section Scholarship. The Houston Bar Association Tax Section generally awards a scholarship to a University of Houston Law Center JD or LLM student. The scholarship is advertised through Symplicity. For further information, please contact UHLC Student Services.
3. TEI Scholarship. The Tax Executive Institute awards a scholarship each semester to a student enrolled in a University of Houston Law Center degree program who is pursuing a curriculum which emphasizes studies that could lead to a career in taxation. The scholarship requirements and application process is advertised through Symplicity. For further information, please contact UHLC Student Services.

4. State Bar of Texas Section of Taxation Scholarships. The Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas has annually awarded up to three scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of tax law. Any student who is enrolled in an ABA accredited law school at the time the application is submitted and who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students with their financial needs and to facilitate and encourage students to enter the practice of tax law in Texas and become active members of the State Bar of Texas Tax Section. In prior years applications for these scholarships were to be forwarded by early April of the calendar year. The scholarships are ordinarily awarded at the State Bar Annual Meeting. See the website of the State Bar of Texas Section of Taxation
5. [Tannenwald Tax Writing Competition](#) The Competition is open to (I) law students, undergraduate (JD) or graduate (LLM. or SJD), enrolled full or part-time in a U.S. law school for the relevant academic year. Deadline for submission for earlier competition.
6. [Law Student Writing Contest for the ABA's Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law \(RPTE\)](#). The goal of the Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law student writing contest is to encourage and reward law student writing on the subjects of real property or trust and estate law. It is designed to attract students to these law specialties, and to encourage scholarship and interest in these areas. Articles submitted for judging are encouraged to be of timely topics and have not been previously published. This contest is open to all J.D. and LL.M students currently attending an ABA-accredited law school.
7. [ABA Tax Section - Law School Tax Challenge](#). The Law Student Tax Challenge (LSTC) is organized by the Section's Young Lawyers Form. The LSTC asks two-person teams of students to solve a complex business problem that might arise in everyday tax practice. Teams are initially evaluated on two criteria: a memorandum to a senior partner and a letter to a client explaining the result. Based on the written work product, six teams from the J.D. Division and four teams from the LL.M. Division receive a free trip to the Section's

Midyear Meeting, where each team presents its submission before a panel of judges consisting of the country's top tax practitioners and government officials, including tax court judges. The website includes separate J.D. and LLM competition problems.

8. [State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Student Writing Contest](#). The goals of the State Bar of Texas Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section ("REPTL") Student Writing Contest ("Contest") are to encourage and reward law student writings on real property, probate, and trust law subjects of general and current interest.