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13th Annual William Pew
Religious Freedom Scholarship

CASH AWARD FOR

Writing Competition for Law Students
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THE TOPIC

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Scholarly material of publishable quality that advocates a legal position consistent with ADF's perspectives and mission as set forth on its web site at www.telladf.org and that addresses one or more issues in the areas of religious liberty, sanctity of life, and/or family values.

Rules and details are attached and available at:

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

ADF is a legal alliance defending the right to hear and speak the Truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation. ADF defends our nation's "first liberty" – freedom of religion – as enumerated in the First Amendment. Its founding members include Dr. Bill Bright, Larry Burkett, Dr. James Dobson, Dr. D. James Kennedy, Marlin Maddoux, and the late William Pew. Mr. Pew was deeply concerned with issues of religious freedom and the human rights of persons exercising all faiths. As a Christian, he was particularly concerned with the minimization of religious freedom in contemporary jurisprudence and other legal issues directly impacting Christians and Christianity.

The Alliance Defense Fund announces a writing competition open to law students subject to the following rules:

1. **Eligibility:** Law students of any faith currently enrolled and in good standing in a J.D., LL.M., or S.J.D. program at an American law school or its international equivalent are eligible to enter. Students, who already have a J.D. or its equivalent, and are currently enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program are also eligible to enter. Submission of a paper and 6 copies with a cover page, as described below, constitutes entry. Students may enter more than one paper.

2. **Writing Topic:** This year's writing topic is a semi-open topic. Any paper submitted that otherwise complies with the rules will be considered if it meets the following topical criteria:

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3. **Form of Paper:** An original paper, five paper copies, and one electronic copy shall be submitted. The cover page of the original paper and the electronic copy shall include the title and the author's name, law school, signature, email address, current mailing address and phone number along with a mailing address and phone number at which the author can be reached during August/September 2010. ***The author's name (and other identifying data) should appear only on the original paper and the electronic copy. The title of the paper should appear on all copies.*** (Hard copies will go to the judges who will not know the names or schools of the entrants.) The original and each complete copy should be stapled in the top left hand corner. Papers should not be submitted in binders. The title of the paper and page numbering should appear at the top of every page. The paper shall be on white 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, double-spaced, single-sided, and with at least twelve-point type. Margins are at the author's discretion. Citations must be in footnote (not endnote) form, single spaced, and with at least ten-point type. Font shall be Times Roman or Times New Roman. The electronic copy should be submitted in one file in PDF format and emailed to: pewscholarship@telladf.org. ADF will acknowledge receipt of the electronic email copy by reply email. Papers shall not exceed 30 pages in length, including citations and appendixes. Subject to the foregoing, all citations shall be in law review format and in accord with the latest published edition of *A Uniform System of Citation*. Any violation of the rules in this paragraph or elsewhere in this notice is grounds for disqualification. Entry constitutes certification by the entrant that the entrant is eligible to participate and that the paper conforms to the rules of the competition.

4. **Plagiarism and Copyright:** All papers shall be the original work of the individual entrant. The paper must have been started and completed between June 1, 2009 and April 15, 2010. Entrants may consult with others as to ideas, but all writing and editing must be the sole work product of the entrant. The paper submitted may be published in a law review or similar scholarly journal so long as permission to reprint the paper is provided to ADF for its use. ADF encourages such publishing.

5. **Permission to Reprint:** ADF shall have the right to copy, reprint, or print all papers submitted. Entrants agree to hold ADF harmless from, and to indemnify it from any and all damages and costs relating to copyright infringement, plagiarism, or similar loss.

6. **Judges and Judging Criteria:** Papers shall be judged and the scholarship awarded at the sole discretion of ADF. ADF typically appoints a panel of independent judges to identify the winning paper. The panel may include academics, sitting judges, and practicing attorneys. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of conformance with the rules, topic creativity, writing quality (structure, grammar, clarity), originality, analysis, and soundness of legal reasoning. ADF reserves the right to decline making an award in this competition.

7. **Announcement of Winner:** The winner will be announced publicly in the Fall of 2010. All entrants will be notified of the results by mail. There is only one scholarship prize of \$2,500. A check payable personally to the winner will be issued in September or October of 2010 on a date to be determined by ADF. The winner must be available to appear in person to receive his or her check at ADF's option and expense. The winner must provide a short biographical entry and digital photograph suitable for media publication.

8. **Deadline and Mailing of Entries:** Entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2010 and mailed to:

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No acknowledgment of receipt will be made of paper copies, but entrants may use certified mail to obtain proof of receipt. Receipt of electronic copies will be acknowledged as set forth in the rules above. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. Questions regarding competition rules or entry should be made by email.