The California State Bar Real Property Law Section (“RPLS”) and the RPLS Journal Committee are proud to announce the Second Annual RPLS Journal Law Student Writing Competition open to all California law students. The California Real Property Journal (“Journal”) is the official publication of the RPLS. The Journal is sent free to members of the RPLS, has been described as “the flagship of State Bar publications” and is an invaluable resource for the real property practitioner.

The RPLS Journal Law Student Writing Competition is meant to encourage California law students to explore California’s wide array of real property practice areas, and showcase the scholarship of law students interested in real property law.

The Competition Rules:

1. **Applicants** - the RPLS Journal Law Student Writing Competition is open to current students of California accredited law schools.

2. **Topic** – the article must analyze some area of California real property law. The RPLS’s Subsection List is a useful resource. The 15 substantive law subsections, while not an exhaustive list of real estate practice areas, encompass in large part the breadth of real property law.

3. **Format** – the article must comply with the “California Real Property Journal Article Style Guide”. The “California Real Property Journal Article Style Guide” is available on the RPLS website (http://realpropertylaw.calbar.ca.gov/Publications/Journal.aspx#submit). Articles must be submitted as a Word document.

4. **Deadline** – the article must be submitted to the RPLS Journal Editorial Board via e-mail (Nicole@nicolekilgore.com) by 5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2016. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

5. **Evaluation Criteria** – the RPLS Journal Editorial Board and the Journal Writing Competition Committee will review all submissions. Submissions will be evaluated on:
   
   • Overall content.
   
   • How well the article addresses an aspect of California real property law.
• Relevance of the subject matter of the article to issues facing California real estate practitioners.

• The quality of legal scholarship.

• Whether the article complies with the “California Real Property Journal Article Style Guide”.

The RPLS Journal Editorial Board and Journal Writing Competition Committee will select one article that best exemplifies the criteria set forth above.

6. **Prize** – the author of the winning article will receive:

• His/her article published in the RPLS Journal 2016 third quarter issue.

• Recognition and a plaque at the RPLS 2016 Retreat.

• Complimentary registration to the RPLS 2016 Retreat.

• One night paid accommodations during the RPLS 2016 Retreat.

• Recognition in the RPLS E-Bulletin.

Inquiries about the writing competition may be made to the RPLS Editor-in-Chief, Nicole Kilgore at Nicole@nicolekilgore.com.