

**THE HONORABLE LARRY E. KELLY BANKRUPTCY
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The late Honorable Frank Monroe and late Honorable Michael McConnell, excelling in their chosen profession, stand as examples for the bankruptcy community. As federal judges, each demonstrated their dedication to those less fortunate and to members of the legal community. To commemorate their roles in the bankruptcy community and to carry their legacies forward to future generations of law students, the Honorable Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (“LEK Inn”) is proud to announce its sponsorship of an annual writing competition in connection with a scholarship award in their honor.

The LEK Inn welcomes article submissions pertaining to bankruptcy issues or related to the central themes of the American Inns of Court, such as legal ethics, professionalism, civility or mentoring.

A scholarship award of \$1,000.00 will be given to the students who have submitted the winning articles. The LEK Inn may submit the winning articles for publication to a leading bankruptcy journal or the American Inns of Court Benchers magazine.

Articles should be in a format consistent with the following guidelines:

Submission Guidelines

Article submissions will be reviewed by a select panel of bankruptcy attorneys who are members of the LEK Bankruptcy Inn of Court. The views of the winning articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the LEK Bankruptcy Inn of Court or the panel of bankruptcy attorneys reviewing submissions. If you have any questions, please email Charlie Shelton and An Nguyen at cshelton@haywardfirm.com and an_nguyen@txwb.uscourts.gov.

Eligibility

- Only current students of The University of Texas School of Law or St. Mary’s University School of Law may submit articles.

Deadline

- The deadline to submit articles is July 15, 2025.

Submitting Your Article

- Your article must be submitted in an electronic format, preferably Microsoft Word.
- Please submit your article by email to Charlie Shelton and An Nguyen at cshelton@haywardfirm.com and an_nguyen@txwb.uscourts.gov with the subject line, “2025 Hon. Frank Monroe and Hon. Michael McConnell Memorial Scholarship and Writing Competition.”

If your article is selected for publication, you may be asked to submit a head shot (photograph) for use with the article. A brief professional bio may also be requested.

Suggested Article Length

- 2,500 words or less. Word count includes endnotes or footnotes.
 - Endnotes are preferred by most, but not all, leading bankruptcy journals.
 - Dependent on the publication, use of endnotes or footnotes may need to change as formatting by the publication may not be conducive to one or the other; or both.
 - Please keep notes short. Lengthy notes should be incorporated into text where possible.
- As to any winning article selected for publication, the publication or journal reserves the right to edit articles for content and/or due to space constraints.

All articles MUST contain:

- Title (no caps)
- Byline(s) containing author’s name and contact information

Format

- **Headlines:** at top of page, bold. NO all-caps or small caps. *Always include a headline.*
- **Subheads:** bold subheads, upper/lower case.
- **Bylines:** *Always include a byline.* Center and italicize the following beneath the title.

Written by:

John Doe

Contact Information

- **Font and Size:** Times New Roman, 12 pt.

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- By submitting an article, each author agrees to execute a statement of authenticity or copyright confirmation and authority to publish.

Suggested Writing Tips

- **Cases** – Always italicize case names and cite according to the West Bankruptcy Reporter using B.R., otherwise use *The Bluebook – A Uniform System of Citation*.
- **Quotes** – Indicate quotes with quotation marks, or indent the block of text on both sides. If you are omitting the beginning, end or any part of a text block, use the ellipsis (...).
- **Emphasis** – Use italics for emphasis (do not use underlines or bolds).
- **For additional writing guidelines pertaining to use of acronyms, capitalization, terminology, etc. review the American Bankruptcy Institute's submission guidelines.**
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