



AVIATION LAW SECTION

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

May 12, 2020

Dear Colleague,

This letter is to announce that the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is extending the deadline for applications for the 2020 Aviation Law Section Scholarship. Every year, the Section awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student who has an interest in aviation law. All applicants will become members of the Aviation Law Section for one year at no cost to the applicant.

Students who apply must be in good standing at their law school, join the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (we will enroll them), and express a desire to practice in aviation law. Each student will submit a brief discussing a recent aviation case decision. The top five briefs will be posted on the Section's website with credit to the authors.

The winning brief will be announced by July 1, 2020. Ordinarily, the scholarship recipient, along with a law-school professor of the recipient's choosing, would be invited to attend our Section Meeting to receive the scholarship and give a brief presentation on the case he or she analyzed, and then be invited to attend dinner the night before with members and friends of the Section Council. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, however, the Section Meeting and CLE presentation as well as the speakers' dinner will not be held this year.

We invite you to share this information and the application with your students and ask that you encourage your students to apply. We look forward to this year's applications!

Regards,

Paula Knippa, Treasurer
Morgan Schweinzger, Member

Application Timeline:

- June 1, 2020 – Submissions due
- June 14, 2020 – Selection of top three applicant submissions and announcement of winner
- TBD – Presentation of scholarship award via virtual Aviation Section Council Meeting

Application Guidelines:

- The applicant must be a **law student** in good standing with his or her school who has an interest in practicing aviation law.
- The applicant must be a **member of the State Bar of Texas Aviation Law Section**, or must fill out the attached application to be **automatically enrolled** for free.
- The applicant will submit a brief of **500 words or less** covering an **aviation case opinion** that was **decided in 2019 or 2020**.
- The brief must be submitted in **PDF form** via email to Paula Knippa (paula@knippalaw.com) and Morgan Schweinzger (mschweinzger@winstead.com) by **June 1, 2020**.
- Applications will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Technical writing skill, including compliance with the Blue Book and Green Book;
 - Flow of narrative;
 - Applicability of case selected to aviation law as a whole; and/or
 - Interest in aviation law.

For information about the Aviation Law Section, please visit our website: www.aviationlawtx.com.

For information about the State Bar Annual Meeting, please visit the information page here: https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Annual_Meeting_Home&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=40322.

Aviation Section Scholarship Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Law School:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Please include proof of good standing in the form of unofficial transcripts and an email or mailed letter directly from a dean at your law school stating you are in good standing.

Please briefly explain your interest in aviation law (response must fit on this page):