SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award Solicitation

Seeking law student research papers that enhance the understanding of gaming law or recommend a beneficial change in gaming law.

The International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA) will award prizes of $2,500 for each of the two best research papers written by J.D. students of accredited or international equivalent law schools as part of their class work during the 2019-2020 school year. The awards will be announced during the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas in October 2020.

The awards honor the memory of Shannon Bybee, one of IAGA’s founders, who had a distinguished career as a gaming attorney, Nevada regulator, industry executive, and pioneer in the field of education in casino operations and gaming law. Inducted into the American Gaming Association’s Hall of Fame in 2002 because of his significant contributions to responsible gaming, Bybee also played an important role in the development of problem gambling regulations and advocacy.

To be eligible for the 2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award, submitted papers must:

• Be prepared as part of a J.D. student’s class work at an accredited or international equivalent law school during the 2019 – 2020 school year;
• Be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on June 30, 2020 to Jennifer Roberts, 2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award Committee Co-Chair, by email at jroberts@robertsgaminglaw.com;
• Be accompanied by written confirmation from a law school instructor that the paper was written under the direction of that instructor;
• At the time of submission, not have been published or selected for publication in any academic, legal, or gaming industry journal or periodical;
• Be accompanied by a written and signed confirmation that if the paper is selected for the 2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award, IAGA may publish the paper in an IAGA-sponsored publication and post the paper online via the official IAGA web site; and
• Be written on a topic that either enhances the understanding of gaming law or recommends a beneficial change in gaming law.

Submitted papers may be of any length, but it is recommended they be between 3,000 and 5,000 words, exclusive of footnoting. The criteria for evaluation of the papers are:

• Importance to the field of gaming, to gaming regulators and practitioners, and to the study of gaming law;
• Quality of presentation, including clarity, completeness, logic, economy, precision, emphasis, grammar, usage, punctuation, and flow; and
• Depth and breadth of research and analysis as reflected in text and footnotes.

The Director of the 2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award is Peter Bernhard, former Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission. Chair of the Shannon Bybee Scholarship Committee is Jennifer Roberts, Owner of Roberts Gaming Law, Ltd. Mr. Bernhard and Ms. Roberts are joined by committee members Stephen Martino, Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of MGM Resorts International; Ken Oettle, senior counsel at Sills Cummis & Gross PC in New Jersey; and Maren Parry, gaming attorney with Ballard Spahr in Las Vegas.

For additional information on the 2020 Shannon Bybee Scholarship Award Call for Entries, please contact Jennifer Roberts at 702-236-8110 or jroberts@robertsgaminglaw.com.