

**The recipients of the 2010 Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium Prize are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

**First Place:** Hamid M. Pour - Formula And Defined Value Clauses - The Fight Against The IRS's Public Policy Arguments

**Second Place:** Ryan Lee White - Family Business Succession Planning And The Uncertainty in 2010

For non-tax related papers:

**First place:** Andrea Leigh Ridlen - Keeping It In The Family: The Obstacles To Transferring Property At Death To Children Of First Marriages

**Second Place:** Arthur Salazar\* - Pet Trusts: Begging For Some Of Your Estate

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Cheslik, Randy Gardner

FEPS committee: Gene Pal, Lynn Cockle

Estate Planning Society: Gretchen Gold, Mindy Ward

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**The recipients of the 2009 Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium Prize are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

1st place *Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning* award: **Katie Woods, Law 3L**  
Paper title: **Hands Off My Loot! Why Domestic Self-Settled Asset Protection Trusts Are Good for America**

For non-tax related papers:

1st place award: **Heather Morris, Law 2L**  
Paper title: **To Everything There is a Season: A time for Change to the Missouri Probate Code's Procedures for Dispensing with Administration**

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Randy Gardner

FEPS committee: Gene Pal, Joe Morris, Susan Teson

Estate Planning Society: Gretchen Gold, Mindy Ward, Bob Beachy

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**The recipients of the 2008 Kansas City Estate Planning Prize competition are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place "*Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning*" award (\$1,000): **Elizabeth Dillinger, Law 3L**  
Paper title: **A Not So Starry Night: The Pension Protection Act's Destruction of Fractional Giving**

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **April Lutes, Bloch School of Business Masters in Accounting**  
Paper Title: **GRATS: Useful Tools for Estate Planning**

For non-tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000): **Jennifer Berhorst, Law 2L**  
Paper title: **Unmarried Cohabiting Couples: A Proposal for Inheritance Rights Under Missouri Law**

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **Breahn Vokolek, Law 3L**  
Paper Title: **America Gets What It Wants: Pet trusts and a Future for Its Companion Anim**

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Randy Gardner

FEPS committee: Gene Pal, Joe Morris

Estate Planning Society: Gretchen Gold, Mindy Ward

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**The recipients of the 2007 Kansas City Estate Planning Prize competition are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place "Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning" award (\$1,000): **Nikola Smith, Tax LLM**  
Paper title: "**Tax Advantageous Alternatives for Funding the Education of Children and Grandchildren**"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **Erika Williams, Bloch School of Business Masters in Accounting**  
Paper Title: "**TRD: Whose Money is it anyway?**"

For non-tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000): **Cort MacBeth Smith, 3L**  
Paper title: "**Discovering Estate Assets: §473.340 of the Missouri Probate Code**"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **Adam K. Patchett, Tax LLM**  
Paper Title: "**What can Grandma do Now? Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Planning After the Enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005**"

Selection committee:

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Prof. Belian  
FEPS committee: Gene Pal, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Bob Beachy, Tom Wallingford

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**The recipients of the 2006 Kansas City Estate Planning Prize competition are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place "Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning" award (\$1,000): **Bret Engel, 3L**, "*The Development, Status, and Viability of the Conservation Easement as a Private Land Conservation Tool in the Western U.S.*"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **Susannah Evans, J.D. December 2005**, "*The Landscape of Transferring Art*"

For non-tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000): **Scott Thein, 3L**, "*The Spendthrift Provision and the Self-Settled Trust: A Powerful Combination Under the New Missouri Uniform Trust Code.*"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500): **Anna Braukman, 3L**, "*Grandma Has a Girlfriend, Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Couples in Missouri*"

Selection committee:

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Prof. Cheslik  
FEPS committee: Steve Wright, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Donna Patton, Gretchen Gold

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**The recipients of the 2005 Federal Estate Planning Prize competition are as follows:**

For tax related papers:

"The Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning" award (\$1,000), **Stephanie Reeves, LL. M.**, "*I need the money now!*", *Accessing Funds in a Qualified Retirement Plan before age 59 ½ without incurring the §72(t) penalty on early distributions*"

For non-tax related papers:

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000), **Geoffrey Willmoth, (3L)**, "*When is a pretermitted spouse pretermitted? Untangling the problems created under Missouri §474.235 when surviving spouses were included in the will before they were married*"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **Amy Brozenic, 3L**, "*Exploring Ethical Dilemmas in Estate Planning*"

2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **Jessica Haynes, 3L**. "*Quieting the "Noisy" Trusts of the Missouri Uniform Trust Code*"

Selection committee:

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Prof. Cheslik  
FEPS committee: Steve Wright, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Shannon Barks, Gretchen Gold

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**The winners of the 2004 Federal Estate Planning Prize competition are as follows:**

*For tax related papers:*

“The Myron E. Sildon Excellence in Tax related Estate Planning” award (\$1,000), **Jon Edward Bunten, 3L, “The Effect of *Estate of Strangi v. Commissioner* on the Usefulness of Family Limited Partnerships as an Estate Planning Vehicle”**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **David Scott Lindstrom, 2L (Dec grad), “Border Wars: does Kansas or Missouri have the best college savings plans?”**

*For non-tax related papers:*

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000), **Joseph D. Growney, 3L, “The Need for an Enforceable Pet Trust Statue in Missouri”**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **No award given, only three papers submitted**

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hoyt, Prof. Cheslik  
FEPS committee: Susan Teson, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Shannon Barks, Steve Wright

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**The winners of the 2003 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Prize are as follows:**

*For tax related papers:*

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000), **Courtney Lieb, “The IRS Wages War on the Family Limited Partnership: How to establish a Family Limited Partnership that will withstand attack”**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **Danielle Merrick, “529: States’ nightmare, Estate Planners’ Dream”**

*For non-tax related papers:*

1<sup>st</sup> place award (\$1,000), **Amy Broockerd, “U.S. v. Craft: Pulling the stakes out from under Tenancy by the Entirety”**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place award (\$500), **Emily Donaldson, “Plaintiff’s Brief in Support of Article 78 Relief”**

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hood, Prof. Cheslik  
FEPS committee: Susan Teson, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Shannon Barks, Steve Wright

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**The winners of the 2002 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Prize are as follows:**

First Place award (\$1,500): Martha J. Damon, **The Disappearing Federal State Death Tax Credit: The States Respond?**  
Second Place award (\$750): Courtney Lieb, **“Self-Settled” Spendthrift Trust Bandwagon: Proposed Missouri Spendthrift Trust Legislation**  
Honorable Mention: Jeanne M. Janchar

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hood, Prof. Hoyt  
FEPS committee: Susan Teson, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Steve Krueger, Maurice O’Sullivan

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**The winners of the 2001 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Prize are as follows:**

First Place Award: Steve Wright, “Tax Planning for Inherited IRA’s”  
Second Place Award: David McCollum, “Life Insurance Planning--Avoiding Gross Estate Inclusion of Large Death Benefits”

*Selection committee:*

Law School: Prof. Hood, ???  
FEPS committee: Cathy Zumbahl, Joe Morris  
Estate Planning Society: Eric Tanner and Steve Harmon

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**The winner of the 2000 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Prize are as follows:**

Lisa R. Joyce, "Till Death Do Us Part: Avoiding Malpractice When Planning the Estate for a Remarried Client"

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**The winner of the 1999 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Prize are as follows:**

First year Prize was given: Melinda Ward