

**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: **"IRD: 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