

# George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award 2010 Competition

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## **George Jay Joseph**

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George Jay Joseph was a humanitarian-businessman, who graduated from Penn State University and the University of Virginia Law School. Notably influenced by Thomas Jefferson's philosophy, he named one of his companies the Jefferson Law Book Co.

George founded the *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce* in 1970 and, several years later, the *Journal of Law and Education (JLE)*. He was a long-time member and supporter of the Education Law Association (ELA), the nonpartisan organization of educational and legal scholars and practitioners that serves as the premier source of information on education law.

He took over the failing Yellow Cab Company of Baltimore in 1976. Soon after, his son Mark joined him in the business. Over the ensuing years, the company grew tremendously and diversified, climaxing in the 2001 sale to Vivendi Environment.

After the 2001 sale, George remained active with his legal service interests, including *JLE* and ELA, and in his philanthropic interests, especially Camp Holiday Trails, which serves children with severe health problems, until his final year. He passed away on January 1, 2007.

George took a dim view of the acquisition of wealth for its own sake and believed that man had a responsibility to take an interest in the welfare of others. It is with this in mind that the Education Law Association's George Jay Joseph Award has been established in his memory.

## **Purpose of the George Jay Joseph Award**

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The purpose of this national competition is to generate increased interest in and recognition of education law among not only graduate students in education schools but also, in particular, to students in law schools.

## **Nature of the Award**

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The winner of the competition will be recognized at the the Education Law Association's Annual Conference, and the manuscript will be published in the *Journal of Law and Education*. Additionally, the winner will be invited to present on the topic of the article at the ELA Annual Conference and receive a commemorative plaque, a year's membership in ELA, waiver of the registration fee for the 2009 conference, and national recognition via an ELA press release.

## Specifications for Entries

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The manuscript must meet all of the following criteria:

- **Subject Matter:** one or more legal issues within any of the various contexts of education, including public and private K-12 schools and institutions of higher education, especially current and emerging issues in elementary and secondary public education
- **Format:** double-spaced, with 12-point font and one-inch margins, with footnotes on each respective page (rather than at the end) carefully conforming to *Blue Book* citation style
- **Length:** between 35 and 55 pages including the footnotes
- **Status:** not previously published and not under review elsewhere for publication
- **Authorship:** single-authored by a law student or a student in a graduate program in education

Doctoral dissertations are not eligible; they are subject to a different ELA award; however, manuscripts that synthesize dissertations may be submitted, provided that they meet the specifications.

## Submission and Selection

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The author must submit the manuscript via email (as an attachment in Word format) to the chair of the selection committee for the Joseph Award Committee by July 15, 2010: [perry.zirkel@lehigh.edu](mailto:perry.zirkel@lehigh.edu). The members of the committee are:

- Perry A. Zirkel, Lehigh University – chair
- M. David Alexander, Virginia Tech University
- Josie F. Brown, University of South Carolina School of Law
- Lynn Daggett, Gonzaga University School of Law
- Bruce Joseph, Jefferson Law Book Company
- Merri Schneider-Vogel, Thompson & Horton LLP

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