TOPIC
Papers on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination are eligible for the prize. Papers written for Chicago-Kent courses, internships/externships taken for academic credit, or self-conducted research are eligible.

REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY
Any current or former Chicago-Kent student is eligible; however, the author must have written the paper while a student at Chicago-Kent. Papers prepared for a paid work purpose will not be accepted. Entries must be the author’s own work and not that of a group. Entries already published elsewhere are not eligible. By submitting the paper, the author verifies that it is that author’s original work. The paper should clearly explain the governing law; be well-organized, creative, and persuasive; and display accurate mechanics and grammar. There is no page limit for entries.

AWARD
The award money will be a check of $5,000, awarded to one individual.

JUDGING
Entries are judged by a panel of Chicago-Kent faculty, who will conduct a double-anonymous review.

SUBMISSION
Papers should have a removable cover sheet with the entrant’s name; contact information; expected or actual graduation date; and title. The title—but no other identifying information—should be on each page. Email your submission to strubbeprize@kentlaw.iit.edu by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Questions may be directed to Professor Nicole Porter (nporter@kentlaw.iit.edu).

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