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## The 1977 JOHN P. RATTIGAN Student Essay Contest

The American Society of Law & Medicine is pleased to announce the third annual John P. Rattigan Memorial Student Essay Contest.

Made possible by donations of the family, friends and professional colleagues of the late Dr. John P. Rattigan, beloved physician, noted medicolegal educator and co-founder of the American Society of Law & Medicine, the **John P. Rattigan Student Essay Contest** is designed to encourage students to submit manuscripts on subjects dealing with the many medicolegal issues and problems confronting health care professionals and consumers today.

The Essay Contest is open to students currently enrolled in U.S. and Canadian graduate programs of law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, nursing, social work, hospital administration, public health, insurance and other fields of study involved with medicolegal matters. Students may submit original papers on any subject of medicolegal interest. Examples of some essay topics which would be acceptable include:

- *medical and legal aspects of personal and work-connected injuries*
- *medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and hospital malpractice and negligence considerations*
- *medicolegal aspects of national health insurance, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO), Professional Standards Review Organizations, etc.*
- *patients' rights, medical and nursing audits, etc.*
- *pollution control, environmental health regulations, etc.*
- *medicolegal issues concerning the mentally ill, commitment, patients' rights, insanity defense, etc.*
- *medical treatment of prisoners, medical experimentation, etc.*
- *governmental and third-party rate setting and certificate of need determinations for health care providers*
- *legal problems of computer application to medicine and health care*
- *abortion, sterilization and euthanasia considerations in the health care delivery system*

The deadline for submitting manuscripts is September 15, 1977.

For 1977, the following awards will be made to those student authors whose papers are deemed worthy of recognition:

First Prize	\$300.00
Second Prize	150.00
Third Prize	100.00
Honorable Mention	

Prize winning and honorable mention essays will be submitted (subject to copy editing) for publication in the *American Journal of Law & Medicine and Medicolegal News*.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

All manuscripts must be submitted to the American Society of Law & Medicine, **John P. Rattigan Student Essay Contest**, 454 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, and postmarked no later than September 15, 1977.

Manuscripts are received with the understanding that they have been personally prepared by the author and that they are not under simultaneous consideration for publication or any other competition.

Papers selected for awards or for publication in the *American Journal of Law & Medicine* become the property of the American Society of Law & Medicine and may not be published elsewhere without written permission from the American Society of Law & Medicine.

Manuscripts not selected for recognition will be returned only if accompanied by self-addressed postage paid envelope.

All manuscripts, including references, legends, foot notes and bibliography must be typed double spaced with at least one-inch margin on all four sides on 8½ x 11 paper and submitted in original and one copy. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 typewritten pages. The author's name, address, current student status and expected year of graduation must be given.

### JOHN P. RATTIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

Contributions to the Memorial Fund may be sent care of the American Society of Law & Medicine, 454 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 to support programs of continuing medicolegal education at the graduate school level.