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Letter to AALL Chapter Presidents regarding the Golden Jubilee Essay Contest, October 14, 1955

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TO AALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

I am enclosing a notice of the Golden Jubilee Essay Contest conducted as a special feature of the Association's Golden Jubilee year and the sheet of instructions sent to contestants on request. I am sure you read President Moreland's announcement of this contest in his Newsletter of August 16.

The Committee on the Golden Jubilee Issue of the Law Library Journal gave much thought to this contest and to the subject that has been chosen for the essay. Its members felt sure the essay would have wide appeal. Three outstanding AALL members were chosen as judges: Arthur C. Pulling, Villanova University Law Library; Ervin H. Pollack, Ohio State University Law Library; and Vernon M. Smith, University of California Law Library, Berkeley. These men are known to all our members for their ability and impartiality.

The contest prize offered is a sizable one and the essay topic provides a real opportunity to every AALL member to set down his or her ideas of what the AALL can and should grow to be. It was anticipated that the essays submitted would offer a wealth of ideas and suggestions to future officers of the Association and that essays of sufficient merit would be printed in the Law Library Journal.

The contest announcement is already six weeks old. To date, two persons have applied for information concerning it. It is hard to believe that there are only two members of AALL who have enough interest in its future to write their proposals for it. The Committee has, therefore, decided to try to interest the membership through their Chapters.

We would appreciate it if you would take any appropriate steps to call the attention of your members to the GJ essay contest and urge them to take part in it. There is still ample time for one of them to write the prize winning essay.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Coonan
Co-Chairman
Committee on the Golden Jubilee Issue of the Law Library Journal

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ANNOUNCEMENT

GOLDEN JUBILEE ESSAY CONTEST CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS

Time When Essays Must Be Submitted:
On or before March 15, 1956.

Amount of Prize:
Five Hundred Dollars.

Subject To Be Discussed:
American Association of Law Libraries during the next 50 years - projects, achievements, possibilities.

Title:
To be supplied by contestant.

Eligibility:
The contest will be open to all members of the American Association of Law Libraries in good standing, on March 15, 1956. (Except members of the Executive Board, Members of the Golden Jubilee Committee and Judges of the Essay Contest.)

No essay will be accepted unless prepared for this Contest and not previously published. Essays of merit will be considered for publication in the Law Library Journal. No manuscripts will be returned.

An essay shall be restricted to 5,000 words, including quoted matter and citations in the text. Footnotes or notes following the essay will not be included in the computation of the number of words, but excessive documentation in notes may be penalized by the judges of the Contest. Clearness and brevity of expression and absence of iteration or undue prolixity will be taken into favorable consideration.

Judges:
Mr. Arthur C. Pulling, Villanova University Law Library
Mr. Ervin H. Pollack, Ohio State University Law Library
Mr. Vernon M. Smith, University of California Law Library, Berkeley.

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Information and instructions in addition to those contained in the announcement of the Contest, published in President Moreland's Newsletter, August 16, 1955.

There are sent herewith to the recipient, the following:

(1) Four entry numbers in a small envelope, sealed prior to receipt of any application, so that the number therein may be known only to the recipient;

(2) Form of entry and agreement, on which the entryman shall type his full name and address and sign the agreement;

(3) Small envelope, addressed, for mailing one of the entry numbers together with the said form of entry and agreement, which envelope will thereafter not be opened until the winning essay has been selected and its identifying number announced.

Essay is to be submitted in triplicate, typewritten, double spaced (footnotes or notes following the essay, however, may be single spaced), on one side of plain white paper, letter size (8½ x 11), and mailed as first-class matter, without folding, in an envelope clearly marked with the words: Entry Golden Jubilee Essay Contest, on or before March 15, 1956. Total number of words (including articles and prepositions) on each page of the text shall be typed on the bottom of the page of at least one copy. For identification, one of the entry numbers furnished for that purpose shall be affixed to each of the three copies of the essay. Any other identifying mark on the essay or on the envelope containing the same, or on the envelope containing the fourth number and the name and address of the contestant, will disqualify the entry.

The fourth entry number shall be attached to the form of entry and agreement, above mentioned, which shall then be sealed for mailing in the envelope furnished for that purpose. That envelope, when prepared for mailing, will be held by the entryman until March 15, 1956 and then mailed. It is NOT to be mailed in or with the envelope which contains the copies of the essay, which must be postmarked not later than March 15, 1956.

Essays should be sent by regular, NOT REGISTERED mail. Registration discloses prematurely the name of the participant, and may disqualify the paper entered in the Contest. The receipt of the copies of the essay will NOT be acknowledged.

No additional information will be supplied by the Association's secretary. Any questions raised will be submitted to the Association's Executive Board for consideration.