



THE FLORIDA BAR TAX SECTION  
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# FLORIDA TAX RESEARCH & WRITING CONTEST

On the topic of Sea Level Rise  
and the Implications for Florida Tax Policy

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMPETITION INCLUDE:

- Opportunity to tackle a pressing **environmental and taxation** issue
- Open to any current Florida law student (and co-author)
- May lead to publication in **The Florida Bar Journal & Tax Section Bulletin**
- **Cash prizes** and special recognition for top submissions
- Submission deadline: **May 31, 2018**
- Paper length: 4,000 to 6,000 words

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# TERMS OF CONTEST:

## DESCRIPTION



**TAX SECTION**  
of the Florida Bar

The Florida Bar Tax Section (the "Section") has identified rising sea levels as a pressing issue for the future of Florida state and local tax law. Hoping to start a conversation through research and writing, the Section invites submissions addressing "the potential impact of sea level rise on Florida's system of taxation." Submissions may include proposed statutory and Constitutional law changes, if any.

The Section has designated Richard O. Jacobs, a former Section Chair and author of several books and articles addressing climate change and sea level rise, as the contact for all interested students. Any current law student (J.D.) of a Florida law school is eligible to submit original work. A law student may choose to co-author a submission with another law or non-law university student, as collaboration with environmental studies programs is welcome. All submissions must be the product of a single author or two authors, cannot be previously published or pending publication, and cannot infringe on any statutory or common law copyright. Work containing obscene, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful material or violates a right, including a right of privilege or privacy, will not be considered.

## SUBMISSION

Papers are to be submitted by Thursday, May 31, 2018, 11:59 p.m. (eastern time). Late entries will be disqualified. All entries must be submitted via e-mail to Richard Jacobs ([richardjacobs@me.com](mailto:richardjacobs@me.com)) and cc'd to Steven Hogan ([shogan@ausley.com](mailto:shogan@ausley.com)) and French Brown ([FrenchB@hgslaw.com](mailto:FrenchB@hgslaw.com)) under the subject line "Tax Section Writing Contest: Sea Level Rise." Word documents and pdfs are the two permissible formats. Papers may contain no fewer than 4,000 words and no more than 6,000 words. Papers should be double-spaced in a conventional typeface with 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Each page must have a header that includes the title of the paper and a page number.

To allow for anonymous evaluation of the entries, no information that could identify the author should appear in the body of the paper, the header, or the citations. Papers must include a separate cover sheet (exempt from the word limit) with the author's contact information: (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) e-mail, (5) law school, and (6) paper title. Citations may be footnotes or endnotes and should be in accordance with Rule 9.800, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, and, to the extent not inconsistent with those Rules, the most recent edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.

Entrants should write in traditional law-review style befitting a scholarly discussion.

## JUDGING AND PRIZES

Members of the Tax Law Section of the Florida Bar will judge the competition. Contest entrants may not contact members of the judging committee. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria: (1) breadth and depth of content and sources, (2) creativity and originality (3) objectivity and legal accuracy, (4) effectiveness of writing style, (5) practicality for addressing the issue, and (6) compliance with the contest rules. Papers will not be returned to entrants after judging.

The first place entrant will receive a cash prize of \$1,250. Second place will receive \$500 and third place \$250. Outstanding submissions may be published in the *Tax Section Bulletin* and *The Florida Bar Journal*, among other publications. Papers may require subsequent editing for publication.



**Questions may be directed to Attorney Richard O. Jacobs of the Florida Bar Tax Section at 727-864-3946 or [richardjacobs@me.com](mailto:richardjacobs@me.com). Jacobs' Tax Section Challenge Talk: <https://vimeo.com/218667417>**