



# Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund

## 2014 Robert T. Matsui Writing Competition



**The Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition** was established by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF) in 2005 to honor the late Congressman Robert T. Matsui and his many accomplishments. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the Hastings College of Law, Congressman Matsui was first elected to the United States Congress in 1978 from Sacramento, California. He won re-election to Congress thirteen times. Congressman Matsui was a strong supporter of AEF, serving as the keynote speaker for its Annual Benefit Dinner in 1997 and again in 2003.

Through this writing competition, AEF seeks to encourage legal scholarship on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific American legal community and, more generally, the publication of law review articles on topics of relevance to racial and ethnic minorities and the law.

The Competition is open to all law students in the United States.

The winner of the 2014 Competition will receive a monetary award of **\$1,500**, and the winning entry will be published by the UCLA School of Law's *Asian Pacific American Law Journal*.\*

Submissions for the 2012 Competition must be received by **June 15, 2014**, and the winner will be announced on or about **August 15, 2014**.

Past winners include:

- Christopher Chou, "Land Use and the Chinatown Problem" (2013)
- Kia Xiong, "Missing the Hmong: A Need for More from Asian American Legal Studies" (2012)
- Bryan Ikegami, "An Urgent Opportunity: Unifying the Asian American Stance on Affirmative Action" (2011)
- Andrea Yang, "Progressive Lawyering: Theory and Practice in Asian Immigrant Communities" (2010)
- Di Zhang, "Intercountry Adoption: Better Viewed in Black and White or Technicolor" (2009)



*Darren Teshima's 2005 Robert T. Matsui Competition-winning piece was published in Vol. 11 of UCLA's APALJ.*

**For additional information and an application, please visit [www.aefdc.org](http://www.aefdc.org) or contact Rakesh Kilaru at [rakeshkilaru@gmail.com](mailto:rakeshkilaru@gmail.com)**

\*\*\*AEF, a **tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization**, is the charitable arm of APABA-DC. Since 1993, AEF has awarded fellowships to law students who accept unpaid internships in the non-profit or public sector to provide critically needed services to the APA community and the Greater Washington, D.C. community-at-large.\*\*\*

\* Publication will be subject to APALJ's standard editing process and copyright policies.

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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected month of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

In-School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of Nearest Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please fill out this form electronically, and paste it into your submission as the first page. Please sign the certification statement electronically if you can; if not, e-mailing the submission from an e-mail account bearing your name will serve as consent to the terms and conditions of the AEF Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition.
2. Your submission (not including this instructions page) shall not exceed 15,000 words (of which no more than 10,000 words shall constitute the substantive text, and no more than 5,000 words shall constitute footnote text). Your submission must be presented in electronic format, utilizing Microsoft Word (or a similar word processing program). For the 2014 competition, the submission may address any topic of interest to the applicant so long as it reasonably relates to Asian Pacific Americans and the law.
3. The winner of the 2014 competition will receive a monetary award of \$1,500, and the winning entry will be published by the UCLA's *Asian Pacific American Law Journal* (APALJ), subject to the journal's standard editorial process and copyright policy. APALJ's editing process may require additional substantive edits prior to publication. Please do not submit for the 2014 competition any manuscript that has previously been published, or that is concurrently submitted for publication elsewhere.
4. Submissions shall be evaluated by a selection board comprised of selected members of the AEF board and the AEF writing competition board of advisers and two members of APALJ designated by APALJ's editor-in-chief, all of whom shall be ineligible to participate in the competition.
5. All submissions for the 2014 competition must have an electronic date stamp of no later than 11:59 pm Eastern on **June 15, 2014**. Submissions should be e-mailed to the following address: [aefboard@gmail.com](mailto:aefboard@gmail.com). If the date stamp on your e-mail is after 11:59 PM ET on June 15, 2014, your submission will not be considered.
6. You are welcome to submit more than one piece for consideration. However, please ensure that each submission is e-mailed separately, and that each submission has its own cover sheet.
7. Any deviation from these rules and instructions will result in your submission's not being considered.
8. A single winner will be chosen and announced by the AEF board on or about August 15, 2014.
9. Recipient must comply with all applicable AEF terms and conditions. AEF may interview applicants or request supplemental information, as appropriate. For additional information, please contact Rakesh Kilaru at [rakeshkilaru@gmail.com](mailto:rakeshkilaru@gmail.com).

It is the policy of AEF not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, religion, ethnic/national origin, veteran status or sexual preference in the administration of this writing competition.

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials are true, correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that the work contained in the submission is my own.

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Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Print or Type Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_