# The Seventeenth Annual Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition

**Sponsored by The Customs and International Trade Bar Association and Brooklyn Law School**

2015

## The Competition

The Customs and International Trade Bar Association (CITBA) and Brooklyn Law School (BLS) are sponsoring this Writing Competition to encourage law students who are interested in careers in customs and international trade law. Winning papers will be considered for publication in the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*.

## Prizes

Two prizes will be awarded:

- **$1000.00 first prize**
- **$500.00 second prize**

Awards will be presented at the CITBA’s semi-annual dinner in the fall.

## Who is Eligible

Entrants must be *currently enrolled* in a J.D. or L.L.M. program at any of the nation’s law schools.

## Topics

An in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to customs and international trade law.

## Paper Requirements

Submissions should be typewritten, double-spaced on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. The paper shall not exceed 40 pages in length, including footnotes. Papers must include footnotes, not endnotes. Papers should be in 12pt. Times Roman font and have one-inch margins (right, left, top, and bottom). *Noncompliance with these requirements may affect evaluation or result in disqualification.* Please include the following on the cover sheet of your paper:

- Full name, address and telephone number
- Law school and year
- Date of submission of paper

Papers must be electronically submitted to the following email address:

vance.competition@brooklaw.edu

The final date for submission is May 22, 2015.

## Judges

A committee of practicing attorneys and professors with relevant expertise will judge the papers. The following factors will be considered:

- Legal analysis
- Thoroughness and depth of topic
- Evaluation of judicial precedents, statutes, and regulations
- Writing style
- Form and quality of citations
- Conformity with rules of competition

## About the Sponsors

**Customs and International Trade Bar Association**

The Customs and International Trade Bar Association is the only national bar association dedicated to representing the interests and concerns of attorneys engaged in the practice of customs and international trade law. Founded in 1919, CITBA strives to maintain and improve standards of practice and to promote the public interest.

**Brooklyn Law School**

Brooklyn Law School is an independent, nonprofit educational institution committed to providing the highest quality legal education. Founded in 1901, BLS is a leader in the study and research of international law. The *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* is one of the nation’s oldest scholarly publications focusing on international law. Both the *Journal* and the BLS Center for the Study of International Business Law provide valuable forums for the study of customs and international trade law.

## About the Honoree

**Andrew P. Vance**

The writing award honors the memory of Andrew P. Vance, past president of CITBA and distinguished public servant and practitioner. Through his work in the field of customs and international trade law for over forty years, Andrew Vance maintained and improved the standards of practice and earned the respect and affection of countless lawyers, judges and scholars.