

APPELLATE SECTION ANNUAL MEETING AND APPELLATE LYRIC CONTEST

The State Bar of Texas Appellate Section is holding its Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m., immediately following the Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas.

The Annual Meeting will include a brief business meeting, and the performance of the winning entries of the Appellate Lyric Contest. Immediately following the meeting is a fabulous cocktail reception honoring the judiciary! Section Members receive one free drink ticket for the reception at registration and attendees of the meeting receive an additional ticket.

CALLING ALL APPELLATE SONGWRITERS!

In connection with the Annual Meeting, the Appellate Section is pleased to announce its second **Appellate Song Lyrics Contest**. Contestants must change the lyrics of a well known song to give it an "appellate" touch. The winning entries will be performed live by a "professional" singer at the annual meeting complete with musical accompaniment!

First Place, 2007 Lyric Contest: Amy Schumacher, Staff Attorney to the Honorable Dale Wainwright, Supreme Court of Texas "with help from a few other Supreme Court Staff Attorneys."

50 Ways To Waive Your Error

(to the tune of "50 ways to leave your lover" by Paul Simon).

*The problem's all in your record she said to me.
The answer is easy if you brief it legally.
I'd like to help you but your objection's absentee.
There must be fifty ways to waive your error.*

*She said it's really not my habit to advise.
Furthermore, I hope my counsel won't lead to your demise.
But I'll repeat myself so the court's words won't surprise.*

*There must be fifty ways to waive your error.
Fifty ways to waive your error*

CHORUS 1:

*You just fail to object, Hecht
Leave it outta the brief, Chief
You don't need to be seen, Green
Just get it denied PC
Don't make a bill, Phil
just take a big chill pill
don't timely appeal, O'Neill
and get it denied PC*

*She said it grieves me so to see you in such straits.
I wish there was something I could do to lower your rates.
I said I appreciate that, as again she explicates.
About the fifty ways...*

*She said why don't we both just work on it all night.
And I believe by the morning you'll begin to see the light.
The error's jurisdictional, my liability is slight.
There must be... fifty ways to waive your error
Fifty ways to waive your error*

CHORUS 2:

*You just fail to object, Hecht
Leave it outta the brief, Chief
don't bother to call, Paul
Just get denied PC
Just say you forgot, Scott
The issue's long gone, Don
it's already stale, Dale
And it's been denied... PC*

Prizes will include gift certificates for State Bar CLE programs, appellate books, and CLE materials. Of course, the real reward is the chance to have your song performed live at the Appellate Section Annual Meeting, not to mention it being published on the Section website and in *The Appellate Advocate*.

APPELLATE SONG LYRICS CONTEST RULES

1. All song lyrics must relate in some loose fashion to appellate law, appellate courts, or the appellate community. Lyrics may be for all or part of any well-known song.
2. No more than one entry may be submitted per contestant.
3. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008, by e-mail to Imedford@elrodtrial.com.
4. By submitting an entry, contestants: (a) certify that the submitted work is original, and (b) grant a non-exclusive license to the Appellate Section to read, use and publish entries in any form of oral, print, or electronic medium.
5. Any entrant who is not a dues-paid member of the Appellate Section on September 4, 2008 is ineligible to win prizes. Any Appellate Section officer, member of the Annual Meeting Committee, or Appellate Song Lyrics Contest Judge is ineligible to win prizes. Persons who are ineligible to win prizes may still submit entries, which may be read at the awards ceremony and printed thereafter.
6. Winners will be announced with much hoopla at the Appellate Section Annual Meeting on September 4, 2008 in Austin. The choice and number of prizes will be within the unfettered discretion of the judges. Decision of the judges is final and unappealable. Need not be present to win. Offer void where prohibited by law.