

San Antonio Bar Association 2009 Photography Contest

Official Contest Rules

For all amateur photographers, here is the chance to showcase the results of your work, whether photography is a hobby or just an occasional pastime. We invite you to participate in SABA's initial Photography Contest, and celebrate our profession and the beauty of our world.

Winning photos will be displayed in the Subpoena and in the SABA offices, and may also be framed and auctioned off at the SABA Installation Gala. Photos must be submitted as both prints and in digital format. See the rules below for more details.

Entries for the Photography Contest must be received by June 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

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1. No purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win.
 2. Eligibility:
 - a. To enter, you must be at least 18 years of age.
 - b. SABA employees, officers and directors, and their immediate family members (spouses and children) are not eligible.
 - c. All photos must be in color and taken within the last two years.
 - d. The photo subject must be submitted in one of two contest categories:
 - i. Relevant to the law, lawyers, or legal matters.
 - ii. Open submission
 3. Entries must be both prints and digital images. Black and white images are not eligible. Please read the specific guidelines for submitting prints and digital images.
 4. Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than you. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your representation that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted is contested in any manner, the SABA Board retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph.
 5. An individual may submit only one photo per category.

6. Photos must be appropriate for posting or displaying at the courthouse and in legal publications. Judges for the contest retain sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.
7. Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed model release form, below.
8. Photos, regardless of the medium, will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photo.
9. Photographers retain any copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed without any fee or other form of compensation. Photos will be credited to the photographer named in the entry form.
10. How to Enter:

To enter, you must submit a print (either 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches) **and** a digital image.

Prints must be delivered or mailed to SABA at:

San Antonio Bar Association
Photography Contest
100 Dolorosa
5th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Digital images must be delivered to SABA at the above address or e-mailed to KimP@sabar.org. Please include the name of the photographer in the e-mail.

Each entry must be accompanied by a completed contest entry form, below. If you are submitting multiple entries, be sure to indicate clearly which form belongs with each photo. Entries must be received by June 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Panoramic photos are not eligible. Images should be submitted in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format. File sizes must be less than 500K per image. Images must be in natural color. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone images are not eligible. Digital images will not be returned.

Prints must be 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches and must be in color. Do not send negatives. Write your name and address on the back, or on a label on the back. Prints will not be returned.

11. Image Modifications:

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified, at the sole discretion of the panel of judges.

12. Impermissible Modifications:

- a. No borders or frames may be added to images.
- b. No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- c. Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- d. Artistic filters are not permitted.

13. Permissible Modifications:

- a. Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- b. Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained.
- c. Red-eye removal and spot editing.
- d. One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.).
- e. Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- f. Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.

14. Judging:

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity and photographic quality. A panel assembled by the SABA Board will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. The panel will include both lawyers and a professional photographer.

15. Winners:

The panel of judges will select a first, second and third place winning photo for each of the contest categories. In addition, one or more honorable mention winners may be selected, at the discretion of the panel. Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name and information about the photo, will be displayed at the courthouse, and will also be published in the Subpoena. Winning photographs may also be framed and auctioned off at the SABA Installation Gala. No financial compensation is provided to winners.

16. Additional Terms and Conditions:

SABA and its officers, directors, members and employees are not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors or failures. Nor are they responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. SABA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice. SABA is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. SABA reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that SABA has reason to believe is not the original work of the entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above.

By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless SABA and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. SABA and its officers, directors, members, employees, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.

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Entry Form and Release

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Contest Category: Law/Legal Open

Name of Image: _____

Approximate Date of Image: _____

I have read, complied with, and will continue to comply with the Official Contest Rules of the San Antonio Bar Association 2009 Photography Contest, including the release provisions in Paragraph 16.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*** Please have all recognizable people in your photo complete the attached Model Release Form.**

Model Release Form

I hereby give _____ permission to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for submission in the San Antonio Bar Association 2009 Photography Contest.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the model is under 18 years of age, a parent/ legal guardian of the model must also sign:

I, _____, and the parent/ legal guardian of the individual named above. I have read this form and I approve of its terms.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____