

## ***The Best of the Journal – 2010***

In each issue of the *Journal*, we strive to publish a mix of articles, so all of our readers – practicing attorneys, public and private sector attorneys, retired attorneys – no matter what their area of interest and practice, will find something that will interest, educate or (occasionally) amuse. Many *Journal* articles emphasize the practical, focusing on new rules, new technologies and changes in different practice areas. In the past few years we have run updates on insurance law, criminal law and appellate decisions; articles on the new power of attorney rules and adoption of the new Rules of Professional Conduct; and articles on how new technologies affect gathering and preservation of evidence. Others, such as our history pieces, are of more general interest – articles on Tammany Hall's price for a judgeship, the fall of a Senior Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and what happened the last time the New York State Senate was tied. Some articles mix the practical and the intriguing – a 2010 piece on psychology and the client comes to mind. Then there are the *Journal* columns – each issue features a column on evidence, two language columns and a variety of writings on tax law, e-discovery, real property law and the occasional point of view piece.

With these thoughts, the Editor of the *Journal* decided it was time to recognize some of the best writing we have been privileged to publish in the past year. We hope to make it a yearly event. The criteria are clear writing, with just enough snap to keep readers awake; good scholarship; and a topic that, on some level, has something for all our readers. Each winner will receive a beautiful certificate, suitable for framing.

**Column:** **David Paul Horowitz**, Burden of Proof, "CPR for the CPLR," January 2010.

A painfully honest (and pained) assessment of the shortcomings and vagaries of the rules of state civil court proceedings.

**Feature:** It's a tie!

**Devika Kewalramani**, "Up Close and Professional With New York's Engagement Letter Rules," September 2010.

Practical, clear, concise, the author describes the bottom line for protecting oneself in the case of a scofflaw client. Stuff that every lawyer needs to know.

**Richard A. Matasar**, "Does the Current Economic Model of Legal Education Work for Law Schools, Law Firms (or Anyone Else)?," October 2010.

A much-needed start to a grown-up conversation about the future of legal education from the dean of New York Law School. Yes, it is complicated.

**Congratulations, 2010 *Journal* writing winners!**

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