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**ELA Announces the George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award**

DAYTON, Ohio—April 8, 2008—The Education Law Association (ELA) announces the newly established *George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award*. The award will be presented at the ELA Annual Conference during the business meeting breakfast on November 21, 2008.

George Jay Joseph was a humanitarian-businessman, who graduated from Penn State University and the University of Virginia Law School. Notably influenced by Thomas Jefferson's philosophy, he named one of his companies the Jefferson Law Book Co. Mr. Joseph founded the *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce* in 1970 and, several years later, the *Journal of Law and Education (JLE)*. He was a long-time member and supporter of the Education Law Association, the nonpartisan organization of educational and legal scholars and practitioners that serves as the premier source of information on education law. He also took over the failing Yellow Cab Company of Baltimore in 1976. Soon after, his son Mark joined him in the business. Over the ensuing years, the company grew tremendously and diversified, climaxing in the 2001 sale to Vivendi Environment. After the 2001 sale, Mr. Joseph remained active with his legal service interests, including *JLE* and ELA, and in his philanthropic interests, especially, Camp Holiday Trails, which serves children with severe health problems, until his final year. He passed away on January 1, 2007. Mr. Joseph took a dim view of the acquisition of wealth for its own sake and believed that man had a responsibility to take an interest in the welfare of others. It is with this in mind that the Education Law Association's *George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award* has been established in his memory.

The purpose of this national competition is to generate increased interest in and recognition of education law among not only graduate students in education schools but also, in particular, to students in law schools. The winner of the competition will be recognized at the ELA Annual Conference, and the manuscript will be published in the *JOURNAL OF LAW AND EDUCATION*. Additionally, the winner will be invited to present on the topic of the article at the ELA Annual Conference and receive a commemorative plaque, a year's membership in ELA, waiver of the registration fee for the 2008 conference, and national recognition via an ELA press release.

The Education Law Association, formerly NOLPE, is a nonprofit, non-advocacy organization that promotes interest in and understanding of the legal framework of education and the rights of students, parents, school boards and school employees. ELA brings together educational and legal scholars and practitioners to inform and advance educational policy and practice through knowledge of the law. Together, our professional community anticipates trends in educational law and supports scholarly research through the highest value print and electronic publications, conferences, seminars, and professional forums. For information about the *George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award* and the Education Law Association, visit the ELA website at [www.educationlaw.org](http://www.educationlaw.org).