

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC INSURANCE ADJUSTERS



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### 2007 COMPETITION BEGINS FOR PAUL CORDISH MEMORIAL AWARD

Potomac Falls, VA (*November 20, 2006*) – The competition to select the recipient of the 2007 Paul Cordish Memorial Award is now underway. Valerie Albrecht, J.D., a recent graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, was presented the first Paul Cordish Memorial Award at a ceremony during the June 2006 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters (NAPIA) in Bermuda. The \$10,000 cash prize was funded by the Paul Cordish Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation was established in memory of the late NAPIA executive director and counsel, Paul L. Cordish, Esq., to ensure the future of the association and the profession he nurtured and served so well by providing a prize, award or fellowship for a law student at the University of Maryland School of Law who successfully competes in a writing contest or other competitive process based on criteria developed in consultation with NAPIA and approved by the law school.

Entrants in the competition may choose any topic they wish so long as it focuses on public insurance adjusting. While papers written on any topic are eligible and may be selected, the following general topic areas have been suggested by the NAPIA Past President Committee for this year's competition:

1. The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: Coverage Lawsuits and Their Effects on Coverages and on Property Underwriting.
2. Deductible Application Problems.
3. Overlapping Policy Coverage and the Application of the Guiding Principles of Insurance (published in 1963) to Current Policies.
4. The Constitutional Validity of State Residency Requirements for Public Adjusters.

To enter the competition, authors must have completed the first year in either the full-time or part-time program at the University of Maryland School of Law or have been accepted as a transfer student at the time of submission. All applicants must currently be enrolled as a candidate for a J.D. degree to be awarded by the University of Maryland School of Law and be in good standing at the school at the time of submission. No paper that has been published previously in any form will be considered.

The deadline for paper submittals is April 30, 2007. A University of Maryland School of Law faculty committee will select the five best papers to be forwarded on to the Paul Cordish Memorial Award competition advisory board to choose the winning entrant.

The recipient of the 2007 Paul Cordish Memorial Award will be announced in May and recognized during the June 20-24, 2007 NAPIA Annual Meeting at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California.

Founded in 1951, the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters is the only national trade association representing those involved in the practice of public insurance adjusting. Membership includes more than 450 individuals who serve as public insurance adjusters on a full-time and professional basis and who have joined together to pursue professional education, certification and promotion of a strict code of professional conduct and ethics. NAPIA is headquartered at 21165 Whitfield Place, #105, Potomac Falls, VA 20165.

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