

GEORGIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



*Protecting the Right to Trial by Jury*

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## **Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Launches 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Scholarship Essay Competition**

Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Trial Lawyers Association has announced the launch of its 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Scholarship Essay Competition. Designed to recognize college-bound high school seniors who exhibit a keen awareness of the societal and judicial value of the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Right to Trial by Jury and Georgia’s Civil Justice System, the Scholarship Essay Competition will ask applicants to address the following question:

*Since the ratification of the Bill of Rights in 1791, the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Right to Trial by Jury has been the cornerstone of the Civil Justice System. And yet, in the two-plus centuries since, the Right to Trial by Jury has been under near-constant assault. In your opinion, what role does the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment play in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and why do you believe that it is important to safeguard this Right?*

**“We are thrilled to offer this scholarship opportunity and to recognize some of Georgia’s best and brightest students,”** remarked Emily Wring, Executive Director of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. **“Through this competition, students from every corner of our state will be able to take what they have learned about the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution and apply it to today’s legal, social and political climates. It is our hope that, through this one-of-a-kind opportunity, they will expand and reaffirm their belief in the Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury.”**

To apply for the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Scholarship Essay Competition, interested students should submit their completed application and essay to the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A \$1,000 Grand Prize and \$500 First Runner-Up will be recognized at GTLA’s Annual Convention. Each one-time scholarship is non-renewable, and checks will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipients.

For more information on the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment Scholarship Essay Competition and to view the 2014 Application, please visit [www.gtla.org/scholarship](http://www.gtla.org/scholarship).

***About GTLA:** Founded in 1956, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA) is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Georgia’s Civil Justice System and protecting the rights of Georgia citizens and consumers.*

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