

## The TENTH Annual **Terence T. Evans**

## Humor and Creativity in Law Competition

Judge Terry Evans was one of a kind. The best kind – a judge with a sense of humor. Every opinion he authored included at least one humorous paragraph. Often it was the opener, comparing the parties and the dispute to a boxing match, an Austin Powers movie, a dusty old poem, or a rap song. Occasionally he dropped a footnote stuffed to the gills with collegiate nicknames or gentle jabs at the prolixity of counsel. In *Lake v. O'Neal*, 585 F.3d  $1050 \text{ (7}^{\text{th}}$  Cir. 2009), he added the "duck test" to the common law:

The Duck Test holds that if it walks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. Joseph Lake, the plaintiff in this suit, flunks the Duck Test. He says, in effect, that if it walks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it sure as heck isn't a duck.

It's your turn to help us keep Judge Evans' spirit alive – give us a comedic (or just wry) law-related piece, and you will have a chance to win money, fame, and the best traveling trophy in Wisconsin.





## **RULES**

- Must be original written work
- Anything goes brief, prose, poem, song, text
- Must relate to the law, lawyers, or judges
- Brevity is OK
- One entry per person
- Open to law students and lawyers
- Email entries to <a href="mailto:kborowski@milwbar.org">kborowski@milwbar.org</a>
  by **April 15, 2023** (no taxes due)

## **GLORIOUS PRIZES**

- \$500 for funniest Law Student
- Traveling Trophy for best Lawyer
- Honored at 5/25/23 EDWBA Annual Meeting
- Published in EDWBA Newsletter
- Name etched on Federal Courthouse facade\*
- Guaranteed to win next 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit appeal\*
- Guaranteed 7th Circuit clerkship\*
- \* Note: These representations may constitute puffery.