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**THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS IN  
24TH ANNUAL HERMAN KOGAN MEDIA AWARDS COMPETITION**

CHICAGO, ILL. (April 15, 2013)—Dennis Culloton, Chair of the Herman Kogan Media Awards Committee of the Chicago Bar Association (CBA), today announced the finalists for the 24th annual Herman Kogan Media Awards Competition. Winners will be announced at the awards luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Petterino's Restaurant, 50 West Randolph, Chicago (corner of Randolph and Dearborn). Tickets are \$60. To reserve, call 312-554-2013 or e-mail [khighley@chicagobar.org](mailto:khighley@chicagobar.org).

In each category, the judges may vote to present two awards, the Kogan Award and a Meritorious Achievement Award. The Kogan carries a \$1000 prize in the form of a scholarship presented to the journalism or English program at the college or university of the winner's choice.

**2013 Finalists**

In the Broadcast category, finalists are: Robert Herguth, of the Better Government Association, and Dane Placko, of Fox 32 News, for their collaborative piece, "Maywood Confidential," an examination of the Maywood police response to the violent death of one of its own officers; and Cate Cahan and Robert Wildeboer, WBEZ-FM (Chicago Public Radio), for "The Crisis Hidden in Illinois Prisons," a shocking expose of living conditions at low-security downstate prisons.

Print –Features and Series category finalists are: Bryan Smith of *Chicago Magazine* for “The \$53 Million Bamboozle,” which shone a light on the exploits and capture of the Dixon, Ill. city comptroller, who embezzled tens of millions from city funds over the course of years to fund a show horse operation; Tim Novak, Chris Fusco, and Carol Marin of the *Chicago Sun-Times* for their series “Daley Nephew Charged in Koschman Killing,” a brave and extensive look at the events surrounding the death of David Koschman after a violent altercation with Daley relative Richard Vanacco; and Jack Higgins, editorial cartoonist for the *Sun-Times* for a series of his political cartoons on subjects relating to violence in Chicago.

In the Print-Beat Reporting Category the finalists are: Josh Weinhold, Patricia Manson and Pat Milhizer of the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* for their coverage of Illinois’ Eavesdropping Law; and Jerry Crimmins for his series, “Job Data Reporting Lawsuits Against Law Schools” in *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*.

In the Online category, the judges have chosen to present just one award, the Kogan Award will go to the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* staff for their coverage of the NATO Summit in Chicago.

### **About the Herman Kogan Media Awards**

The Herman Kogan Media Award Competition was established in 1989 to honor local journalists and legal affairs reporting. The Competition celebrates the career of Herman Kogan, a true friend of The CBA, whose career spanned more than 50 years and included experience as a reporter, feature and editorial writer, editor, author, historian, biographer, literary critic, radio host and television executive.