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Third-Year Laura Gallo Wins Law Student Ethics Award

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Third-year student Laura Gallo has won the Northeast Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel’s (NEACC) Law Student Ethics Award. The award will be presented at the chapter’s annual dinner, to be held on April 16, 2015.

According to the NEACC, the awards program was created to “recognize and encourage the ethical practice of law at the earliest stages of a young lawyer’s professional career, and at the same time to shine a spotlight on ethics more generally, demonstrating that the legal community values lawyers who are guided by ethical principles.” The award, which includes a $1,000 scholarship, is given to students from local law schools who have demonstrated an early commitment to ethics through work in clinical programs representing their first real clients.

A student in the Law School’s Community Enterprise Clinic, Gallo was described as “remarkably talented at sleuthing out and resolving complex and subtle ethics issues involving her clients” in the nomination letter from professor Paul Tremblay, who supervised her in the clinic.

"[Laura] grappled beautifully and thoughtfully with organizational and transactional ethics issues," Tremblay wrote. "Ethics issues do not only arise in litigation practice, and we are reminded of that on a daily basis in our work with beginning businesses and entrepreneurs. Laura was one of the best students I have had in grappling with the ethics questions that arose in her transactional practice."