



President's Message

I hope this message finds you and those you love safe and healthy in these unusual times. I would like to share my thanks for the opportunity to serve as The ACTEC Foundation's President. I am honored to step in to this role, following in the footsteps of Immediate Past President L. Henry Gissel, Jr. My goal is to continue the excellent work of Henry to expand the knowledge of The ACTEC Foundation among Fellows of the College, as well as the wider community of people who come to the Foundation for information for help with their family's estate planning needs and professional development.

I am very pleased with the work of The ACTEC Foundation's Disaster Preparedness Task Force. The Task Force met in early May to discuss how local communities have responded to the challenges from the Coronavirus pandemic. The Task Force is considering submitting a grant proposal to The ACTEC Foundation to hire a law student to compile all of the materials that have been produced by others to date and share the materials on the Foundation website, to serve as a resource to local communities. I will keep you updated as this important initiative moves forward.

I'd also like to bring to your attention an opportunity for all T&E law students, which is the **Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition**. This competition, which was created to encourage and reward scholarly works in the area of trusts and estates, honors the late Mary Moers Wenig, a member of ACTEC's Legal Education Committee and a law school professor for over 30 years. It is open to any law student in good standing (full-time or part-time) who is currently enrolled at the time of submission (or was a student within the past 90-day period prior to submission) as a J.D. or LL.M. candidate in an ABA-accredited law school within the United States or its possessions. First place includes a \$5,000 cash award, publication in the ACTEC Law Journal, and a Full Tuition Scholarship to the Heckerling Graduate Program in Estate Planning at the University of Miami School of Law for the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 academic year (candidates must apply and be admitted as full-time students to be considered for the scholarship). The deadline for this Competition is June 30, 2020, and I encourage you to share this information with any professors or students that you know.

Your donations directly support these and other valuable efforts funded by The ACTEC Foundation. I hope you will join me in supporting The ACTEC Foundation with a **donation** today to support these efforts.

Wishing you a healthy summer,

Jeffrey C. Thede

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