

Tupper Lake
BUSINESS COMMUNITY, INC.

Writing Competition

Using Tupper Lake as a model, submitted papers shall analyze, review, develop and advance both New York state and federal legal and equitable theories on behalf of businesses. The following factors should be considered in developing these legal and equitable theories:

1. identify sustained and planned patterns of opposition and influence by third party advocacy groups designed to block, disrupt or otherwise render impractical, small community business efforts to earn a meaningful living;
2. propose and assess causes of action for injunction relief, damages or other relief against third party advocacy groups;
3. assess and propose legal measures to be taken on behalf of businesses to correct the imbalance of governmental review favoring environmental advocacy groups;
4. recognize, respond to and assess the ability of third party advocacy groups to:
 - a. gain standing in regulatory proceedings to challenge economic development;
 - b. use governmental laws, regulations and processes to the detriment of businesses

Analogous arguments and case law supporting theories in jurisdictions other than New York are permissible and encouraged within the paper. The paper's focus may also encompass activities by third party groups other than in the legal arena which affect businesses and may be actionable.