WHAT’S THE VALUE TO YOU?
- Being on a journal seriously prepares you for working as an attorney. You will have the opportunity to work on teams and individually to vet articles. As a 3L, you may have the opportunity to manage large groups of people and (depending on your leadership role) have a say in which articles are selected for publication.
- Being on a journal improves your resume and can broaden employment prospects. Because of the value journals offer in preparing students, many employers—from federal judges (seeking clerks) to the Department of Justice to “Big Law” and everything in between—look favorably upon (and some even require) journal work.

WHAT ARE LAW JOURNALS AND WHAT DO THEY PUBLISH?
- Scholarly articles that are submitted by lawyers or legal scholars and edited by law students
- Student-written "Notes" and "Current Developments"
- Main journal publishes on a wide range of subject matter, while other journals focus on specific areas of law

WHY ARE THEY OF VALUE?
- Keeps legal community informed of progress and emerging topics in their respective fields
- Can help develop outdated areas of law or draw attention to new developments
- Can provide diversity of opinions on different legal issues

WHAT’S THE PUBLICATION PROCESS?
- Articles are screened and selected for inclusion or exclusion in upcoming issues
- Several different teams of student editors attack the editing process from various angles
  - Broad, structural, "above-the-line" edits to article's internal logic
  - "Below-the-line" Bluebook changes to legal citations
  - Collection and authentication of the sources used
- Stylistic and formatting edits

WHAT WILL A STAFF MEMBER BE DOING AND WHAT’S THE TIME COMMITMENT?
- As a first year, likely between 2-6 hours/week, but this can vary based on which article you are working on and what the specific assignment entails
  - If you take on a senior-level Board position (3L year only), this number will increase
  - Busiest times will be the weeks leading up to production and printing deadlines
- Journal is a 2-year commitment
- The first year involves working in teams on below-the-line, bluebook edits and citation checks
- The second year opens up many new opportunities for journal members to work on a wide range of article editing and managerial jobs
- All journals have a Note requirement. Deadlines might fall in the first or second year of journal membership
- Journals that are eligible to host a symposium will have additional commitments that year

JOURNAL LIFE BALANCE?
- It is certainly possible to balance journal membership with other extracurriculars
- Senior-level Board positions (3L year only) will be a significantly heavier time commitment, so make sure that you can handle a journal leadership position before taking it on

WHO’S OJA?
- Office of Journal Administration oversees the journals' production and printing processes
- Keeps journal on track, meeting deadlines and moving publication process forward
- Manages the Editors-in-Chief