Dear Rising Second-Year Students,

First of all, congratulations on finishing (or nearly finishing) your first year of law school! That’s an enormous achievement in itself, and I hope you’ve had the chance to reflect on how far you’ve come in two semesters before diving into Write On.

Second, if you’re reading this letter then it’s clear you’re already thinking about your journal involvement for next year. I’m obviously biased, but I’d encourage you to rank the American Criminal Law Review first or second as you finalize your preferences. As one of the nation’s top-ranked criminal law journals, ACLR is cited and used routinely by judges, practitioners, professors and students across the country. We have a fantastic team of editors who are all getting ready to put out three timely and compelling issues of ACLR this year, as well as our Annual Survey of White Collar Crime. No matter your area of focus—criminal law, corporate litigation, or public interest work—ACLR can provide you with an exciting and meaningful journal experience that will further your academic and professional goals.

Third, and beyond those abstract benefits, there are a few practical advantages to membership in ACLR that I’ll highlight here:

- You’ll receive a guaranteed publication credit by the end of next year for your work on the Annual Survey of White Collar Crime. The Annual Survey is the definitive reference work for white collar practitioners. Each staff member assists in updating and writing new sections of the Annual Survey, which will put your name and work product on the desks of hundreds of judges and attorneys across the country.

- You have the chance to be published on Westlaw and fulfill your Note requirement with a series of online contributions to our Featured Online Contributor Program (FOCP). Our ACLR Online platform allows us to accept contributions from a set of selected “featured” contributors as well as any interested staff member.

- We’re proud to be an entirely student-run journal that offers leadership opportunities to all our 2L staff members. When you finish your first year with ACLR, you will graduate into an editorial or senior editorial position. This will give you the chance to specialize in a particular area of the editing process, and will allow you to contribute in a real way to our final publications.

At the end of the day, we’re a community of like-minded students who get along well with each other and enjoy contributing to American criminal law scholarship. We have social and training events throughout the year, geared towards making us work better with the material we edit and the people we work with.

If you have any questions about ACLR, please shoot me an email—I’m more than happy to talk with you ahead of Write On, as is just about any other ACLR member! You can also visit our website at www.americancriminallawreview.com for more information. Once the Competition begins, please only contact the Office of Journal Administration with questions or concerns.

Good luck! I’m looking forward to welcoming you to the 56th Volume of the American Criminal Law Review this fall.

All the best,

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Dear Rising Second-Year Students,

Congratulations on nearing the end of your first year of law school! As your thoughts turn to journal membership, I encourage you to consider the *Food and Drug Law Journal*, particularly if you have an interest in food, drug, or health law.

**The Preeminent Journal in Food and Drug Law**

The *Food and Drug Law Journal* is the preeminent journal in the field of food and drug law, producing leading scholarship on food, drugs, medical devices, biologics, cosmetics, and related issues. For over seventy years, the *Food and Drug Law Journal* has guided legal and medical professionals, academics, policymakers, and courts, including the Supreme Court, in understanding this complex and evolving area of law. Because of the field’s interdisciplinary nature, our articles engage with many areas of the law, including civil procedure, advertising law, patent law, general litigation, environmental law, technology law, antitrust, criminal prosecution, regulatory and administrative law, intellectual property law, and constitutional law. Through these articles we are able to steer the conversation in food and drug law. Additionally, as the only food-and-drug-law-specific journal in the country and one of the few health-law-related journals, we draw top scholarship from practitioners, faculty, and law students. These advantages, along with the guidance of leading food and drug law attorneys through our peer review process, provide our staff the opportunity to review the most contemporary and compelling works.

**Collaborating and Networking with Leading Professionals**

Now commencing its fourth year at Georgetown Law, the *Food and Drug Law Journal* jointly publishes with the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), an educational non-profit organization devoted to the field. Among FDLI members are leaders from prominent public advocacy groups, academia, the FDA, industry, and national and international law firms. Our close relationship with FDLI allows us access to these mentors and to its national conferences. Many journal members have pursued internships and job opportunities as a result of these connections.

**Engaging with the Georgetown Faculty and the O’Neill Institute**

In addition to FDLI, we partner with the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, a research organization within GULC devoted to the improvement of health through law. We also feature the largest faculty advisory board of any Georgetown journal. Professors Cabrera, Girard, Gostin, Heinzerling, Page, Thomas, Tushnet, Vladeck, and Westmoreland bring incredible knowledge, experience, and diverse specialties to enrich the journal program. Additionally, the *Food and Drug Law Journal* coordinates an annual symposium with FDLI and the O’Neill Institute, which this year will focus on changes in food law and policy. Students will have the opportunity to learn about new scholarship and speak with leaders from non-profit, government, private, and academic sectors at this event.

**Student Scholarship and Intellectual Engagement**

Each student on the *Food and Drug Law Journal* writes a student note related to our interest area. We are excited to work with students to publish notes of substantial quality. These notes may be completed through writing requirement courses offered at the Law Center. Some past courses that have produced excellent
student notes include: Health Privacy and the Law Seminar; Food Law Seminar; Advanced Patent Law; Alternative, Complementary & Integrative Medicine and the Law; Congressional History and Statutory Interpretation; Bioethics and the Law; Health Care Fraud and Abuse; and Consumer Class Action Litigation Seminar. Additionally, students may receive two academic credits for their notes through a supervised research course guided by our primary faculty advisor, Professor Page.

Professional Training, Development, and Leadership
Our Journal emphasizes training and development. From the start, we make sure that you have all the support, resources, and guidance you need to learn skills employers value: research, editing, and writing. From there, we build teamwork and leadership skills through one of the many senior board positions available—another advantage of being on our smaller and more selective journal.

Community
Joining the Food and Drug Law Journal means connecting with a host of student communities inside Georgetown. Our smaller, welcoming student-journal community includes members of relevant student organizations such as the Food Law Society, the Student Intellectual Property Law Association, and the Society for Health Law & Bioethics. With these connections, we have co-sponsored events to further engage with our broader health law community.

Membership
To join our community, preference the Food and Drug Law Journal highly, but no lower than third. Preferencing matters in the Write On competition, so rank highly the journals that mean the most to you. Because we value interest and work ethic, we weigh your Write On packet score 40%, your grades 30%, and your personal statement 30%. For more information regarding the personal statement, please download the FDLJ letter that will be available on the Write On portal after purchase.

This is a truly exciting time to be a part of the Food and Drug Law Journal. Feel free to email me with questions prior to the start of the competition, but please contact OJA at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu regarding all inquiries once the competition has begun. I look forward to welcoming you into our community this fall!

Best regards,

Luke Bosso
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Dear First-Year Students,

Congratulations on your first year of law school! As you think about the 2018 Write On Competition, I encourage you to consider joining the Georgetown Environmental Law Review (GELR). Our journal offers members an opportunity to develop their writing and editing skills and to take valuable steps toward future employment in a variety of legal fields. Environmental law is one of the most varied areas of law. GELR publishes on energy, international law, administrative law, national security, public health, social justice, animal law, constitutional law, property law, land-use, public policy, and much more. In fact, GELR’s first issue each year is devoted entirely to international issues.

First-year staff members edit articles and citations, collect sources, and conduct preemption checks. Second-year members select and edit articles, participate in the scholarly publication, and manage the GELR staff. Student editors provide feedback to first-year staff members, allowing them to improve their editing and research skills.

In addition to assisting in the publication of our journal, all GELR members write a student note on the topic of their choosing. Notes are due the summer before 3L year and can be written in conjunction with a writing requirement class. Student notes are a great opportunity to further develop your legal research and writing skills, and delve into a specific area of law that interests you. GELR publishes three student notes per issue, which are often cited by legal scholars.

Members also draft one short-form article for GELR Online each year, which gets published on Westlaw. GELR also works in partnership with other schools’ environmental law reviews— including Harvard, NYU, Berkeley, UVA, and others—to share and publish each other’s student writing online via the Environmental Law Review Syndicate. This unique partnership boosts your development and the relationship between our community of environmental lawyers and scholars. GELR also hosts a symposium every other spring in conjunction with an alumni reception— both of which are great networking events.

Unlike some of the other journals at Georgetown, GELR does not require our members to attend any office hours. We are fully supportive of our members studying abroad, and we encourage part-time students to join!

GELR considers first-year grades and the Write On score, which each count for 50% of the selection criteria. To be considered for membership, GELR must be 3rd or higher in your preferencing; however, successful members have typically ranked GELR as one of their top two selections. If you have any questions about our journal before the competition, please do not hesitate to send me an email. Any questions that arise after the competition begins may be directed to OJA at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. I wish you the best of luck with Write On!

Best wishes,
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Dear Future Journal Members:

Thank you for your interest in the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* (GILJ). We are the *only student-edited law journal in the country devoted to the study of immigration and international migration*, and we would love to have you join our team!

The Journal addresses issues in immigration, human rights, national security, international, labor, constitutional, criminal, and administrative law. Commonly discussed in media and frequently debated in legal circles, immigration is profoundly complex and offers a fascinating study of present and future global concerns. Our nation’s leaders as well as leaders around the globe constantly reevaluate immigration programs and policies, making this field dynamic and increasing the Journal’s relevance, especially in today’s climate of changing immigration policy across the globe.

GILJ values your time, and we strive to make the entire Journal experience a positive one. Above all, GILJ is a network and community of young professionals. We strive to be fair about deadlines and respectful the fact that you have lives and other commitments. A large portion of our work is done online, so GILJ is excellent for day and evening students alike. We will also hold occasional team meetings and social gatherings to make the Journal experience even better!

Unlike some Journals, you need not rank GILJ first for us to consider you. Our preference cutoff is 4, but please note that most successful past applicants have ranked GILJ in their top 3. A preference of 1 or 2 gives you a great chance of making the Journal. Interest in a career in immigration law is not necessary, nor is any specific immigration experience required. Additionally, we value writing scores more than grades (60%-40%) because a good writer is more likely a careful reader and thus a good editor.

All members write a student Note by January of 3L year on the Journal, and we strive to publish all student Notes that meet our quality standards. Student Notes must be related to topics covered by the Journal, but within that very broad sphere, the choice of Note topics is endless. We also encourage our members to use the paper they write for their Writing Requirement class as their student Note. As such, please keep that in mind when registering for classes. Staff members can also guarantee publication by writing a short Current Development piece (5-7 pages) on developments in the field. These pieces are published in each issue, and we are looking to ramp up this program even more in the coming year.

We are shaping up to have a very exciting year, and I look forward to welcoming you aboard our team! Please do not hesitate to contact me before the Write On Competition with questions about the Journal or the Competition process. After the Competition opens on May 18th, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

Best regards, and good luck with Write On!

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The mission of *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* is to explore the impact of gender and sexuality on both the theory and practice of law. We seek to complement the critical work being done by existing journals by expanding inquiries into the intersection between gender and sexuality. We are one of the only legal journals in the world to explicitly address these intersections.

Our journal’s three annual issues integrate cutting-edge legal scholarship and practical applications. Our most unique publication is the student-authored *Annual Review of Gender and the Law*—the nation’s only comprehensive guide to legal issues relating to gender and sexuality. The Annual Review serves as an important tool for practitioners, judges, advocacy organizations, and scholars as it summarizes existing law and highlights recent changes.

Additionally, in June 2018, our Online content is set to launch. The Online edition will allow every journal member, including 2Ls, to publish content that focuses on issues they care deeply about. 2018 is also a Symposium year, which means 2Ls will be able to participate in the planning and execution for the Volume XX Symposium, which will take place in the fall. Our Symposium will focus on immigration issues that impact gender non-conforming people, trans people, women, and other marginalized populations.

**Benefits of Gender Journal Membership**

**Learn About a Dynamic Legal Field** – Legal scholarship on gender and sexuality encompasses a broad range of important and fast-moving areas of law, including constitutional law, family law, criminal law, education law, employment law, health law, and more. We are proud to have brought Vice President Joe Biden to campus on April 22, 2009, for our symposium on the 15th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. In 2013, we hosted a symposium on the 25th anniversary of *Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown Law Center v. Georgetown University*, the case that opened Georgetown University Law Center to LGBT organizations like Outlaw.

**Publish**– On the Gender Journal, you have the opportunity to get published—twice! Each 2L staff member either writes or updates and edits a section of the Annual Review. As a result, the Gender Journal is one of the only journals at Georgetown to guarantee its members the opportunity to publish a substantial piece in their second year of law school. Additionally, Gender Journal members are eligible to publish Student Notes in our publication. Because issues of gender and sexuality have implications for many areas of the law, students have considerable freedom to focus their notes on the discipline of their choosing.
**Hone Your Research and Writing Skills** – Our journal is committed to helping individual members refine their legal skills through substantive research, writing, and editing projects. 2L staff members do much more than simply Bluebook and cite-check. We encourage our staff members to research and write on areas of the law that they are passionate about! Our staff members substantially revise and update Annual Review articles during the fall semester and begin work on original student notes during the spring semester, working closely with the 3L members of the Journal and receiving substantive feedback on their work. Additionally, should the staff member choose, they can write content for our Online Edition in lieu of the traditional note requirement.

**Work Hard and Have Fun** – The members of the Gender Journal are a fun, diverse, inclusive, and passionate group of students with varied political persuasions, experiences, and career goals. We encourage interaction among staff members in both social and professional/mentorship contexts and offer ample leadership opportunities. We are also committed to maintaining a community that respects our members’ other priorities and provides ample recognition for the hard work of our staff.

**Networking and Career Benefits** – The members of the Gender Journal stand out to potential employers because they recognize the unique leadership and intellectual opportunities that a specialty journal offers. We host numerous networking events throughout the year where members have the opportunity to engage with Gender Journal alumni and advisors, including some of the nation’s most prestigious feminist legal faculty, judges, law firm partners, and legal advocates.

**Write On Criteria**

Our journal seeks to maintain a diverse staff that shares the Gender Journal’s mission. Admission to the Journal is based equally on a combination of grades (45%) and the write on score (55%). We do not require a résumé or a personal statement. Because of the strong interest in our journal in recent years, we require interested participants to rank the Gender Journal as one of your top three selections. I encourage you to reach out to either myself or any member of the Gender Journal should you have any questions. My email is below.

The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law is one of the most exciting opportunities at the Law Center. I look forward to welcoming you to our team.

Sincerely,

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Dear First-Year Students,

Congratulations on completing your first year of law school! As your thoughts turn to your second year, we at the *Georgetown Journal of International Law* (GJIL) hope you will apply to join us.

Founded in 1969, GJIL has grown from its roots as the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Policy in International Business* into one of the nation’s top journals in the diverse and constantly growing field of international law. Along with our peer international law journals at schools like Harvard, Stanford, and Virginia, GJIL’s age, membership, and prestige set us apart in our contributions to academia and the development of international law.

GJIL is an excellent choice for anyone interested in international, transnational and/or comparative law. We publish articles and notes in both the public and private realms. Given that broad scope, we have covered a number of topics including, but not limited to: human rights, international humanitarian law, international security, trade, investment, business, taxation, international criminal law, and intellectual property. Above all else, we are committed to publishing diverse content that is relevant to legal practitioners and academics. Our annual Trade Issue is one of GJIL’s most unique offerings. This year, we’re seeking to expand the Trade Issue to include additional timely scholarship, offering a truly comprehensive look at the current snapshot of international trade law. We also hold a bi-annual Symposium with equally diverse topics, from the Alien Tort Statute to Economic Sanctions to our Spring 2017 topic, “International Justice in the US Context: Where We Stand, Where We Fall, and Where We Need to Be.”

By joining GJIL you will become part of a dynamic and talented community. Many of our members speak multiple languages, have lived abroad, and have worked in international law. Whether as 1L summer interns with the World Health Organization or the South African Human Rights Commission, or as 2L summer associates at large international firms, our members have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. We further enhance our expertise in the field through the presence of LLM students as articles and notes advisors. They are an invaluable resource in expanding the diversity of thought, perspective and experience that enriches our community and our work.

We seek to make your time on GJIL as valuable as possible. As 2L staff, on top of further developing your eye reviewing high-quality legal scholarship, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the direction of future issues and work closely with 3Ls selecting articles, editing substance, authoring online content, soliciting scholars, and shaping big-picture initiatives. All members have a chance to make a meaningful contribution to international law scholarship by submitting a note to be considered for publication. While publication is not required or guaranteed, GJIL’s Notes Team provides students with the flexibility, time, and guidance to thoughtfully complete the journal’s note requirement by the end of their 3L first semester. The Notes Team strives to publish GJIL members and will work closely with all students to develop and shape student notes to their paramount quality.

Selection for GJIL is based on a combination of grades (50%) and the Write On competition score (50%). *We only accept applicants who rank GJIL first or second.* Please feel free to contact me via email at sjk130@georgetown.edu if you have any questions prior to the start of the Write On Competition. After the Competition opens, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.. We wish you the best of luck on exams and in the Write On competition. Enjoy your well-deserved summer!

Best regards,

Suhaib Khan
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 50

*Georgetown Journal of International Law*
Dear first-year students,

The Georgetown Journal of Law & Modern Critical Race Perspectives (MCRP) is among the most legally and socially relevant journals at Georgetown Law or any law school campus. The Journal strives to be a force for change in legal academia, at GULC, and in the community at large by advancing critical scholarship on racial justice issues across a variety of content areas.

MCRP is grounded in Critical Race Theory, which provides a critical assessment of the points of intersection between race, law, and power. Our journal is a scholarly forum for Critical Race Theory scholars and other academics and professionals who are committed to seeking racial justice, advancing civil rights and civil liberties, and discussing the unique challenges facing society in our postmodern, race-conscious society.

There are many benefits to participation in MCRP. For instance, our members often get the opportunity to meet and engage with the authors in the Critical Race Theory movement. Another one of the benefits to being a part of a socially progressive, subject-specific journal is the camaraderie that comes with a small staff. MCRP is a team. Student involvement is key to fostering a journal community dedicated to activism and change. We publish every student note of sufficient quality, unlike most journals. Members also have ample opportunities beyond the note requirement to publish print and online content. For instance, staff members can author reactions to the content that MCRP publishes, which is included in the Journal’s print and online publications. We do not require standard office hours, while providing opportunities for professional development as well as social engagement. Lastly, we are proud to have Executive Board members who are committed to leadership on campus, community engagement, and who are willing to provide support and mentorship for new members.

In determining membership, we rely on Write On scores, grades, and a required resume. You may submit an optional personal statement. More information about the resume and personal statement will be provided during the Competition. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to know more about our journal and your potential place on it or if you have any questions prior to the start of the Write On Competition. After the Competition opens, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. I am excited to meet and work with you in the future!

Sincerely,

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Dear Rising Second Year Students,

The Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy (GJLPP) enjoys the benefit of publishing articles under the umbrella of constitutional and public policy issues, giving its members the opportunity to engage with timely legal debates in a wide range of topics. It is one of a handful of law journals in the country dedicated to exploring and critiquing libertarian, conservative, and natural law perspectives on law and policy. We focus heavily on constitutional law issues because we have a partnership with the Georgetown Center for the Constitution. In conjunction with our partnership with the Center, we are able to attract renowned constitutional law scholars among other expert academics and practitioners. We are dedicated to publishing top-rate material from notable authors and outstanding students. GJLPP publishes a high percentage of student notes on topics as varied as space law, women’s rights under the Privileges or Immunities Clause, money markets and the SEC, and religious freedom.

Because of our symposium-based partnership with the Center for the Constitution, each issue we publish has articles from eminent scholars grappling with a particular constitutional issue. Our current volume will publish articles challenging the constitutionality of *Chevron*, a doctrine the Supreme Court is expected to closely examine in the coming terms. Our upcoming volume is an exploration of the legal legacy of James Wilson, an influential drafter of the Constitution and Associate Justice of the inaugural Supreme Court in 1789. Distinguished authors who have published with GJLPP include Erwin Chemerinsky, John McGinnis, Richard Epstein, Paul Larkin, Senator Bill Frist, and Senator John McCain.

GJLPP is a relatively young journal—we will be publishing our seventeenth volume next year—but we take pride that our influence continues to grow. Our journal was cited by Justice Scalia in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, by Justice Thomas in *Northwest Austin Utility District v. Holder*, and by Judge Sykes in *Ezell v. City of Chicago*. State supreme courts, federal district courts, and numerous law reviews have also cited our journal.

As a journal that emphasizes libertarian and natural law scholarship, one of the most substantial things that we contribute to the legal community is diversity of thought. We similarly value diverse perspectives within our journal. As a result, we gladly welcome students whose ideas span the political and ideological spectrum.

Those with interests in corporate law or the intersection of law and economics should consider GJLPP as a place to explore that interest. GJLPP regularly publishes a special issue with the Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics at the McDonough School of Business. Next year we will be devoting an entire issue to exploring the ethics and impact of assigning moral agency to corporations.

In evaluating Write On candidates, we consider academic achievement and Write On scores in equal proportion (50/50). We do not require a résumé or personal statement. Due to the limited space available on our journal, you must preference GJLPP within your top two choices to be considered for selection. Please do not hesitate to contact me at ms4364@georgetown.edu if you have any questions before the Write On Competition (after the competition opens, please contact OJA with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu). We look forward to welcoming many of you to the GJLPP team.

Sincerely,

Michael Sebring
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 17
Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy
Dear First-Year Students,

Congratulations on finishing your first year at Georgetown University Law Center. As you consider how to get the most out of your law school experience, I hope you will consider joining the editorial staff of Volume 32 of the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* (GJLE).

GJLE is America’s leading ethics journal. As the second most-cited journal at Georgetown, GJLE is also in the top 100 journals nationally, and one of the nation’s most-cited student-run specialty journals. As the legal profession undergoes dynamic and significant change, the ethical questions facing the profession are as complex and fascinating as ever.

All GJLE members write original notes that are published at the end of their 2L/2E year, provided the notes meet the journal’s quality requirements. Members will choose their own topics and receive feedback on their written product from editors and mentors. Members may find it easiest to enroll in a seminar course of their choosing for the fall semester which will allow them to use the same piece of work as both the upper-class writing requirement and note. There are many classes which permit and encourage GJLE Members to write about complex issues which include the subject of legal ethics. For example, I wrote my note for the “Future of International Criminal Justice” seminar and focused on ethics at the International Criminal Court.

GJLE is also proud of its enduring commitment to public service and social justice. When the late Father Robert Drinan founded the journal, after his career as a congressman and human rights advocate, he wrote, “No journal has been established as the central forum for the discussion and development of the ethical and professional dilemmas confronting the lawyers of America . . . [GJLE] hopes to be that forum.” We work diligently to honor Father Drinan’s vision of providing a forum for discussing the integrity of the ever-evolving legal profession. We maintain his belief that lawyers should play a special role in promoting justice and equality and that we, as law students, can work to further these goals.

We are unable to offer membership to students who rank GJLE lower than third. Our selection criteria are intended to attract individuals with strong academic credentials and writing skills. If you have any questions about GJLE prior to Write On, please feel free to contact me at czt59@georgetown.edu.

We hope to welcome you to our team in the fall.

Warm regards,

Constance Turnbull
Editor in Chief, Volume XXXII
*The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*
Dear Journal Candidate,

We are thrilled you are considering the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*, the nation’s premier law journal on poverty issues. Our journal publishes innovative, solutions-based scholarship by distinguished law professors, scholars, practitioners, and students. At the *Poverty Journal*, we are committed to ensuring that our staff members receive a rewarding educational experience and feel valued for their contributions.

Poverty law encompasses a wide range of legal topics, including health care, housing, education, and employment law. To this end, the *Journal’s* mission is to support the fight against poverty by showcasing comprehensive and multidisciplinary scholarship. Can a civil rights framework be used to secure baseline water and sanitation access? What are the legal tools available to address rural poverty? These are the kinds of timely questions that the *Journal* addresses.

We are students with diverse aspirations, and are pursuing careers in a wide range of legal fields, working in government, at private firms, and at nonprofits. Although our professional goals are varied, we share an enthusiasm for public interest work and a concern with the intersections of poverty and the law.

The *Journal* supports the academic and professional growth of all members. We provide guidance for completing all assignments throughout the year. We also offer opportunities for students to publish their own work, including a required Note on a poverty-related topic and a contribution of a creative and thought-provoking piece to the *Journal’s* online content section. In order to be responsive to the demanding nature of legal education, members may fulfill the Note requirement by either (1) successfully completing a writing requirement course related to poverty law, or (2) conducting independent research with guidance from our Notes Editor.

I hope that you seriously consider joining the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. To be selected, you must rank the *Journal* third or higher. Our selection process emphasizes a holistic approach to each applicant, incorporating the Write On competition score, grades, and a required resume. I encourage you to also submit an optional personal statement, details of which will be made available during the Write On competition. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I wish you the best of luck during the competition, and I look forward to meeting you in the future!

Sincerely,

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Dear Rising Second-Year Students,

Congratulations on nearing the end of your first year! After finishing exams, I hope that you take a moment to relax and recover before devoting the next two weeks to the Write On Competition. Write On may seem daunting, and it is; but I encourage you to embrace this challenge. In two years, I am certain you will look back on the benefits of journal participation—camaraderie, teamwork, and deep intellectual engagement—as well worth the effort of completing the Write On process. Needless to say, when you rank the journals by preference, I encourage you to rank The Georgetown Law Journal first.

The Journal, celebrating its 107th anniversary next year, is one of the oldest and most prestigious law reviews in the country. As a member of the eighth-ranked journal nationwide, you will work on articles written by some of the most influential scholars in our field—pieces that will shape legal discourse for years to come. Our generalist approach offers members a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of diverse legal subjects, and as the largest journal on campus, new Journal members enter a large, tight-knit community of peers and alumni.

Membership: Students must preference the Journal first to be considered for membership. Georgetown students earn membership in three ways:

1. 40% of our new members will be accepted solely based on their Write On scores.
2. 35% of our new members will be accepted based on a formula that equally weighs Write On scores and grades.
3. 25% of our new members will be selected solely based on their Personal Diversity Statement, provided that they have reached a certain threshold score on their Write On Submission.

   a. The Personal Diversity Statement is optional, but encouraged. The Statement should describe how your diverse background has shaped your approach to the legal profession. For example, it may offer reflections on how you have overcome adversity including, but not limited to, discrimination, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage. Finally, the statement should illustrate how any of these relevant factors will contribute to the membership and/or scholarship of the Journal. More details about this Statement will be provided in the Materials section of the Competition site once the Competition opens.

Transfer students are selected solely based on their Write On submission.

Scholarship: Each year, the Journal selects approximately thirty articles for publication from nearly three thousand submissions. This process offers an unparalleled opportunity to interact with—and critique—the work of the world’s most prominent legal scholars. In recent years, we have extended our scholarly contributions into the online realm. Today, GLJ Online provides an expedited publication process for high-caliber scholarship that engages in time-sensitive legal debates and discussions. In addition to selecting and editing articles, Journal members write a
scholarly note on any legal topic of their choice. Journal members may submit their work for publication in both the print Journal and The Georgetown Law Journal Online.

The Annual Review of Criminal Procedure: Each second-year member contributes to the Annual Review of Criminal Procedure (ARCP), also known as the “practitioner’s bible” for the federal criminal bar. The ARCP is a highly visible legal publication that is widely used by judges, academics, practitioners, and pro se litigants. The ARCP also serves as a vehicle for social justice and public outreach—it is one of the greatest resources for prisoners and public interest organizations across the country. The ARCP helps create a more holistic Journal experience, allowing members to hone their technical and substantive editing skills while contributing to an invaluable publication that has a concrete impact on the lives of individuals. The ARCP serves as the pro bono arm of GLJ, donating a significant number of ARCP copies to indigent prisoners and conducting community-service outreach efforts for both the law school and surrounding Washington community.

Community: The Journal offers students a supportive and welcoming community, bringing together dynamic individuals from diverse backgrounds. During their time on the Journal, members form lasting personal and professional relationships that continue far beyond the initial two years of membership—our Annual Alumni Banquet brings together past and present Journal members from across the nation. All Journal members are encouraged to participate in our mentoring program, social activities, and professional networking events.

Leadership: The Journal offers numerous leadership opportunities, helping members develop marketable skills that will aid them throughout their legal careers. Upon the successful completion of their staff duties, all second-year members will be promoted to editorial positions. Members may lead committees, spearhead initiatives, or serve on the Journal’s Senior Board.

If you have any questions prior to the competition I encourage you to reach out to me or any other member of the Journal and to visit our website at www.georgetownlawjournal.org. Once the Write On Competition has begun, inquiries can be addressed to the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. I hope you will preference the Journal first—not only for the doors it will open throughout your legal career, but also for the skills you will develop, the first-class scholarship you will publish, and the friends and colleagues with whom you will work over the next two years. I look forward to welcoming many of you into our community as staff members in the fall!

Kind regards,

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Dear First Year Students,

Congratulations on completing your first year of law school! As you look ahead to your second year, I hope you will consider joining the Journal of National Security Law & Policy (JNSLP).

JNSLP is an excellent choice for students with an interest or background in national security law. Part-time and transfer students make a crucial contribution to our membership, and both groups are represented on our current staff. We require no office hours and have a flexible approach to journal obligations.

Our journal addresses a wide range of issues in the national security field, from cybersecurity, to human rights, to law of war. We publish peer-reviewed scholarship, and aim to select articles that express diverse philosophical and practical viewpoints.

Our members produce a student note before their 3L year. Although publication is not required, our Executive Notes Editor provides students with the resources to produce a manuscript that makes a meaningful contribution to scholarship. Student writers may work with mentors and other advisors appropriate to the topic. LLM staff members also contribute their extensive practical experience to our writing program, and our distinguished Faculty Editorial Board is often willing to consult on a wide range of topics.

JNSLP also holds an annual symposium in partnership with the Center on National Security and the Law. Our student staff members take on leadership roles in producing this event, and in doing so have the opportunity to interact with eminent practitioners in the field. Our past symposia have addressed topics such as The State of U.S.-Russia Relations & Unconventional Threats to U.S. Security (2018), Migration, Refugees, and Asylum (2017), Strengthening National Security by Protecting Public Health (2016), Trials & Terrorism (2015), Leakers, Whistleblowers & Traitors (2014), and Big Data (2013).

If you believe that your interests align with the Journal of National Security Law & Policy, be sure to rank our journal in your top three choices, and to put careful thought into the required personal statement. Selection to JNLSP is competitive, and we value the personal statement very highly. We hope to see you next year!

Best of luck,

Ashley C. Nicolas,
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