

Georgetown University Law Center

GUIDE TO THE SECOND YEAR

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ACADEMIC ADVICE FOR YOUR SECOND YEAR AND BEYOND

Upperclass Course Requirements:

After completing the required first year curriculum, there are two remaining course requirements that must be completed in upperclass years:

- 1) **Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement:** This requirement is described in detail in the Law Center's Bulletin 2006-07, page 14 (available online at www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/bulletin). Seminars that fulfill this requirement are designated with a "WR" in the course schedule under the "requirements" column. In addition, there is a list of WR seminars that is included in the course schedule materials you will receive in April 2007. Seminars that fulfill the upperclass legal writing requirement provide an opportunity to work closely with a faculty member and receive extensive feedback on your writing.

Students may also fulfill the upperclass legal writing requirement by undertaking a Supervised Research project. The requirements and application process for Supervised Research are described in detail in the Law Center's Bulletin 2006-07, pgs. 14-15.

- 2) **Professional Responsibility:** All students must take a course in Professional Responsibility ("PR") or the perspective elective, American Legal Profession. Those students who do not take American Legal Profession should consider the following when determining when to take Professional Responsibility: (1) some students prefer to take a PR course during their second year in order to satisfy this requirement early in their upperclass years; alternately (2) most state bars require that students take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), a multiple choice exam on professional responsibility. Some students take PR during their final year of law school, just prior to taking the MPRE, in order to prepare for the issues tested. In addition, many students also take a brief preparatory class for the MPRE. (Information about MPRE test dates is available at the Office of the Registrar.)

Credit Requirements:

84 total academic credits are required to earn the J.D. degree.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 13	Requests to transfer divisions due to Office of the Registrar
Week of April 2	2007-08 Schedule of Courses available on the Registrar's webpage Registration materials distributed
April 9	Schedule Advice Panel for first year full time students, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Hart Auditorium
April 10	Schedule Advice Panel for first year part time students, 8:00-9:00 p.m., Room 205
April 27	Deadline for submission of registration requests online
Last week of June	Registration results available online using Student Access+
Early July-September 11	Add/drop and waitlist activity for Fall and Spring courses
September 4	Classes begin—add/drop and waitlist activity for Fall and Spring courses through September 11

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SELECTING UPPERCLASS ELECTIVES

The J.D. Academic Services Office will publish the 2007-2008 upperclass course schedule on April 2, 2007. Students will have until April 27th to submit their registration requests.

Academic Counseling: Get advice from your professors, the academic counselors in the J.D. Academic Services Office (Deans Bailin, Bellamy, Cantalupo and Director Sally McCarthy), and Assistant Deans Fernando, Foster and Moulton. You should also attend one of the Schedule Advice Panels listed in the column to the right.

Online Research: The Law Center's Curriculum Guide is available online at www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum. The Guide contains brief essays describing the Law Center's curriculum in 27 popular fields of study. In addition, it identifies courses, seminars, and faculty associated with each field of study and in many areas recommends a sequence of courses. The online format enables students to search course descriptions by professor, course cluster, and key word. The course schedule for those courses that will be offered in the the 2007-2008 academic year is displayed with course descriptions, beginning in April 2007. This is an effective tool to identify courses and seminars that interest you. Students may also "bookmark" course descriptions of interest so that they can easily refer to them at a later date.

Important Prerequisites to Upperclass Courses: In planning a second and third year schedule, determine if you want or need certain "building block" courses. Building block courses include: Administrative Law, Constitutional Law II, Copyright Law, Corporations, Environmental Law, Evidence, International Law I, Tax I, and Tax II. These courses are prerequisites for more advanced courses and clinics that you may want to take in the spring of your second year or in your third year. A number of other courses are also prerequisites to advanced or related courses. In order to make a decision about your second and third year schedules, you need to consider the range of upperclass courses you might be interested in taking. For example, students interested in taking the Business Planning Seminar before they graduate need to plan well in advance to do so. Corporations, Securities Regulation, Tax I, and Tax II are prerequisites to this seminar. Furthermore, Corporations is a prerequisite to Securities Regulation, and Tax I is a prerequisite to Tax II.

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Bar Considerations: In general, you should NOT take a course just because it is a topic that will be tested on the bar exam. The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) (used in all 50 states and the District of Columbia except Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and Washington) covers Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts. Most state exams also include essay questions that focus on jurisdiction-specific topics, such as rules of inheritance. Although familiarity with such topics gained through course work is helpful, much of the preparation for the bar occurs in bar review courses that are jurisdiction-specific. You can access information about specific bar requirements through the Registrar's homepage at www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/bar.html.

Picking Professors: Many members of the full time faculty and some practicing attorneys advise students not to worry so much about which courses they take, but rather advise taking courses taught by the best professors. How do you find out who these people are?

Numerical course evaluations from prior years for full time and adjunct professors are available online (click on "Faculty/Course Evaluations" under the "Classes and Registration" section of the Student Services webpage, www.law.georgetown.edu/students.html).

Faculty are a good source of information about other faculty. Ask professors whom you know and respect to recommend other faculty. Other students are also a good source of information about faculty. Please remember, though, that individuals have different learning styles and that not all "popular" professors may appeal to you and not all "less popular" professors are wrong for you.

TRANSFERRING DIVISIONS

Students who wish to transfer from either division to the other must apply by Tuesday, March 13, 2007 in writing or by email to Denise Seeley, Registrar (seelyda@law.georgetown.edu). The Associate Dean and Registrar will consider such requests on a case by case basis, taking into account the reason for the request and the availability of space. We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, but if the number of students whose transfer applications have been accepted exceeds the number of available full time program slots, we will use a lottery to allocate the available spaces. Decisions will be made by early April. Students who transfer from the part time division to the full time division must take a total of six credits over one or two summers in order to graduate at the end of three years.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

At the Law Center: The Georgetown University Law Center summer session runs for eight weeks, from Wednesday, May 30, 2007, until Wednesday, July 30, 2007. Classes are held in the evening. The summer schedule of courses is available on the Office of the Registrar's webpage at www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/prereg. Please note that students who work full time may take a maximum of seven credits during a summer session.

At Another Institution: With Dean Bellamy's approval, students may earn a maximum of six credits (four credits if it is a summer study abroad program) in their J.D. career at another ABA-approved summer law school program. **Procedure:** Please submit a written request indicating: (1) what institution you plan to attend; and (2) what courses you plan to take (include number of credits for each course). Most institutions will require a letter of good standing from your home institution to admit you for summer study. Upon your written request, Dean Bellamy's office will forward a letter of good standing to the other institution and approve the transfer of your credits.

Study Abroad: Georgetown University Law Center offers a four-week summer program in London, where students can take a maximum of six credits. For further information about the London program and other Law Center opportunities for study abroad, please contact Cara Morris, Assistant Director of International and Transnational Programs, at woltemat@law.georgetown.edu. In addition, students may attend study abroad programs run by other ABA-approved law schools. To do so, a student must follow the procedure described above for study at another institution.

Note: Full time students may not advance the date of their graduation by attending summer session courses. Full time students must complete a minimum of six full time academic semesters in residence.

SEMESTER ABROAD PROGRAMS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR

These programs are designed to offer students a variety of opportunities to study and live abroad. The participants will be immersed in a foreign culture, learning transnational, international, and/or foreign law. This allows students to develop international and transnational legal perspectives, as well as to prepare themselves for careers that will take them beyond the borders of the United States.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer School Dates

April 2-May 29

Early registration (first round requests for limited enrollment classes due April 16)

May 30

Walk-in Registration; First day of Classes

July 25

Last day of classes

July 28 & 30

Final exams

London Program

April 2

Application deadline

May 15

Balance of tuition, fees, and Georgetown housing charges (if applicable) due

July 8- August 3

Program dates

Semester Abroad Program

February 22

Information Session, 4:00-5:00 p.m.,
Room 202

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Semester Abroad: The Semester Abroad Program arranges for students to study abroad for a semester at one of several outstanding law schools. The students will be registered at Georgetown so that they are eligible for financial and other assistance, but they will also enroll and attend classes at the host school in Asia, Europe or Latin America.

Schools available in Fall 2007 will be Torcuato di Tella University in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Tsinghua University Law School in Beijing, China; University College London (UCL) in England; Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany; the University of Leiden in The Netherlands; ESADE Law School in Barcelona, Spain; and the National University of Singapore School of Law (NUS) in Singapore. Overall, there are about 34 spaces available.

The language of instruction at Tsinghua, UCL, Leiden, Bucerius and NUS is English. The usual instructional language at Torcuato and ESADE is Spanish; applicants for those two schools will need to have fluency or near-fluency in Spanish.

The courses available vary by the foreign law school, but they generally include international law, international business and trade, human rights, and (in Europe) European Union subjects. A student can receive up to 14 Georgetown credits for a semester's study abroad. The Georgetown transcript will show the name of the foreign institution and the number of credits earned, but will not indicate the grades. Materials can be found online at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oitp>. For more information, please contact Cara Morris, Assistant Director, International and Transnational Programs (woltemat@law.georgetown.edu).

Year in Paris: Students can apply for the year-long program in Paris at the Institute des Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) and Paris I (formerly part of the Sorbonne). This program awards a Master's in Global Economic Law. Fourteen of the credits earned through this program will also transfer to the J.D. degree. This program requires that the student take an additional semester here at Georgetown (though without any additional tuition requirement). Half of the courses are in French and half in English; fluency or near-fluency in French is required. Three spaces will be available in the 2007-08 academic year. Materials can be found online at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oitp>. For more information, please contact Cara Morris, Assistant Director, International and Transnational Programs (woltemat@law.georgetown.edu).

ACADEMIC ADVICE/CLINICS

Georgetown University Law Center Clinics

Georgetown long has been nationally recognized for its leadership in the field of clinical legal education. Our clinical program offers students an unparalleled opportunity to serve the public, to explore career possibilities in various areas of legal practice, to gain first-hand insight into the strategic and ethical dimensions of the profession, and to acquire valuable legal skills in a supportive educational environment. Our clinics are very intensive: the typical student-to-teacher ratio is five-to-one or better. Students receive careful, individualized attention and the opportunity to collaborate actively with each other in the service of clients' needs. Your clinic experience undoubtedly will become very demanding, gripping, even exhausting. We trust it also will become an enriching and unique part of your Georgetown University Law Center education.

Georgetown will offer 12 established clinical courses in 2007-08 with a thirteenth in the area of International Human Rights Law that may be added in spring 2008 subject to faculty approval and hiring. Approximately 300 students are expected to participate, again making this the largest and most successful in-house clinical program in the nation. We offer both year-long and one-semester clinics. Subject to certain prerequisites, many of the clinics are open to full time students who have completed their first year in the full time division. In addition, some clinics will accept second year part time students who will have completed 28 credits before the beginning of the semester in which the students are enrolled in a clinic. (Street Law, which also offers a summer clinic, will accept part time students with 22 credits.)

Our clinics vary widely in their subject matter. We have clinics that work on a range of civil cases, while others specialize in criminal cases. Some clinics involve administrative and judicial proceedings, while other clinics work on transactional matters, legislation, or policy proposals. There are opportunities to learn international as well as domestic law. Students can gain experience in writing a variety of documents, researching, negotiating, conducting fact investigation, teaching, arguing to a judge, examining real witnesses, introducing documents into evidence, making a variety of oral presentations, or taking part in closing a deal.

IMPORTANT DATES

Clinics

February 22	Clinic Application Packets available in room 352 and the Registrar's Office
March 13	Clinics Q&A for Part Time Students, 8:00-9:00 p.m., Room 205
March 14	Clinic Information Fair -- General Overview: 3:30-4:15 p.m., Hart Auditorium -- Faculty and Student Tables: 4:15-5:45 p.m., 2nd Floor McDonough
March 15-21	Individual Clinic open houses and information sessions (schedule available in Clinic Application Packet)
March 19-21	Clinic information table staffed on McDonough Hall first floor
March 27	General clinic application due online
April 4	Supplemental clinic applications due
April 17	Clinic acceptances posted
April 19	Students must accept clinic seats

Summer Clinics

April 9	Applications available
April 18	Applications deadline
April 24	Acceptances posted
April 26	Students must accept Summer Clinic seats

ACADEMIC ADVICE/CLINICS (Continued)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please attend the Clinic Information Fair on Wednesday, March 14, from 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. Assistant Dean Nancy Cantalupo will give an overview of and answer questions regarding the clinic application process. Faculty and students from each clinic will be available to answer your questions from 4:15-5:45 p.m. in the McDonough second floor atrium. There also will be a Clinics Q&A for Part Time Students on Tuesday, March 13th from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in McDonough room 205. The topic will be application advice and scheduling options for working students. Most clinics will also hold their own information sessions or open houses during the week of March 15 through 21 (see the Clinic Application packet for the schedule).

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in enrolling in a clinic offered in the fall 2007 semester, the spring 2008 semester, the 2007 summer session, or the entire 2007-08 academic year, you must apply and register this spring. The general clinic application must be submitted online by Tuesday, March 27. Many clinics also require students to submit detailed supplemental application materials. These materials are due to the individual clinic offices in hard copy by Wednesday, April 4th. A list of students accepted into a clinic will be posted on April 19.

Application packets containing detailed descriptions of all of our clinical courses, student selection and eligibility criteria, and instructions on how to apply will be available in McDonough room 352 and the Registrar's Office beginning Thursday, February 22. You can also pick up a packet at the Clinic Information Fair, the Clinic Q&A for Part Time Students or at the clinic information table outside of the chapel. In addition, the packet is available at www.law.georgetown.edu/clinics.

CLINICS OFFERED IN 2006-2007

Appellate Litigation; Center for Applied Legal Studies; Criminal Justice; Domestic Violence; Federal Legislation; Harrison Institute Housing & Community Development; Harrison Institute Policy; Institute for Public Representation; International Women's Human Rights; Juvenile Justice; Law Students in Court; and Street Law: High Schools. Subject to faculty approval and hiring, an additional clinical course working in the area of international human rights may be added in Spring 2008.

CAREER SERVICES (Office of Career Services and Office of Public Interest and Community Service)

THE SECOND YEAR SUMMER JOB SEARCH

By contrast with the first summer, the summer prior to graduation (second year summer for day students; third year summer for part-time students) is a time when students can make strong ties with employers with whom they hope to work after graduation. Large law firms typically will make permanent offers to most of their 2L/3E summer associates, so getting into such a summer associate program is very important if you hope to work with a large law firm after graduation. You will note from the timeline (in the right-hand column) that significant preparation and registration for large law firm interviews takes place during the summer following your first year in law school.

There are a variety of ways to search for second year summer jobs, whether you are looking for private sector, public interest, or government employment. You can obtain interviews through recruitment programs organized by OCS, OPICS, or outside organizations. The most common of these programs are summarized below. Keep in mind, however, that many employers (particularly public interest organizations, government agencies, and small firms) do not participate in formal recruitment programs. Please do not limit your job search to these programs! OCS and OPICS advisors can help you create an individualized job search that will help you maximize your summer options.

GEORGETOWN RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

Early Interview Week (EIW) - In August 2007, Georgetown will conduct Early Interview Week, an intense week-long screening interview program with large private law firms. Students planning to participate should attend the EIW orientation program the previous weekend at the Law Center. You will receive information on how to register for EIW in April.

Government Interview Program (GIP) - In late September, approximately 35 government agencies will interview students for paid summer and permanent employment. This program is one of several avenues for seeking government opportunities for the summer.

September-October Interview Program - During September and October, a number of private firms will continue to interview Georgetown students.

Georgetown University Law Center/GW Public Interest and Government Interview Program - This program is held in early February every year. Approximately 125 employers participate in either this interview or resume collection aspect of the program.

IMPORTANT DATES

Career Services

April	Receive information about EIW, other fall recruitment programs Attend public interest fellowship workshop Attend Skadden and Equal Justice Works fellowship info sessions
June-July	Update resume and review/select writing sample Begin researching firms for EIW Review EIW firms you plan to bid on with OCS advisor Upload resume and submit employer bids online using Symplicity
August 25	EIW Orientation Program
August 27-31	EIW Program
September	Government Interview Program September Interview Program Department of Justice Summer Law Intern Program Deadline Federal Government Summer Honors Program Deadlines Call back interviews with large firms Participate in Regional Interview Programs

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OTHER RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

Equal Justice Works Fair: Held in DC in late October, this national fair attracts more than 200 public interest and government employers from across the country. OPICS will conduct a resume drop in September for second year students interested in interviewing with participating employers.

Georgetown Regional Interview Programs: Georgetown organizes and participates in a number of regional interview programs. Interviews are scheduled in advance, and participating students are responsible for traveling to the city where the job fair is being conducted. We plan to provide interview opportunities in Los Angeles, the Silicon Valley/San Francisco Bay Area, Texas, Chicago, and New Hampshire, and are exploring other possibilities.

Government Summer Internship Programs: Many government agencies have paid summer internship programs for second year students. Deadlines for most of the programs are in early fall.

Georgetown International Internship Program: Close to 100 Georgetown Law Students obtain international internships each summer through this unique program. Applications are due in late Fall through the early Spring semesters.

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2007-2008

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

As soon as you have your tax information, you can file the FAFSA – available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Utilizing your PIN (www.pin.ed.gov) will speed up the online renewal process. The on-time due date for the FAFSA is April 1, 2007 (March 15, 2007 for Summer 2007 applicants). If you are unable to compile your tax information prior to the recommended filing date, using estimated numbers is acceptable.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR 2007-2008 FINANCIAL AID?

Current financial aid recipients will receive renewal financial aid information sent to their email address of record by March 12, 2007. Continuing students may start the application at that time (summer students see the section below) and the application deadline is May 1, 2007.

IMPORTANT DATES

Career Services

October	October Interview Program Equal Justice Works Public Interest and Government Employer Fair Call back interviews with large firms and government agencies continue Apply to public interest and government organizations on own (throughout fall and into spring)
December 2007- April 2008	Follow up with large firms, government agencies and public interest employers that have not completed hiring Apply to small/medium firms
February 2008	Georgetown/GW Public Interest and Government Interview Program

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2007-2008 (Continued)

WHAT MUST I COMPLETE TO APPLY FOR 2007-2008 FINANCIAL AID?

For most students, the online Georgetown University Law Center institutional application – the “Green Sheet”, the FAFSA, and your loan application(s) will be all that is needed. The online Green Sheet must be completed by all aid applicants and should be submitted by May 1, 2007. Georgetown University Law Center grant applicants should see the section below.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE FEDERAL STAFFORD AND GRADPLUS/COMMERCIAL LOAN APPLICATIONS NOW?

No, unless you are planning to attend a summer session, you should wait until you have received your reapplication information. Access Group, T.H.E, Citibank, Student Loan XPress and Law Loans borrowers will not need to complete a new Stafford Loan Promissory Note. The Master Promissory Note you completed as a first year student is still valid and will remain valid until graduation.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO DO IF I AM A GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER INSTITUTIONAL AID APPLICANT?

Try to complete your 2006 taxes as soon as possible and encourage your parent(s) to do the same. Signed and complete copies of your and your parents’ 2006 federal tax returns are due in the Office by May 1, 2007. If you are not a prior recipient of Georgetown University Law Center aid, you must also complete the Need Access Application available at www.needaccess.org. If you have further questions, call the Financial Aid Office at 202-662-9210 and we will be glad to help.

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

The summer Georgetown University Law Center financial aid application is available on the Financial Aid Office’s web site: www.law.georgetown.edu/finaid. When applying for summer financial aid, you will also be completing your application for the 2007-08 academic year. Please note: the priority filing date for the summer aid applicants is April 16, 2007.

Please note: Federal and lender regulations require that students be enrolled at least half time to receive federal and most commercial loans. There are no education loan options for students that are not enrolled during the summer term.

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Financial Aid

March 12	Renewal financial aid information sent to student email
March 15	On-time FAFSA submission for students applying for summer loans and federal work study
April 1	On-time FAFSA submission for students not applying for summer aid or not participating in federal work study programs
April 16	Deadline to turn in application materials for federal loans for summer term
May 1	Deadline for online Georgetown University Law Center “Green Sheet”
	Deadline for initiating your 2007-08 loan application(s)
	Deadline to submit complete tax returns (renewal Georgetown University Law Center grant aid applicants)

LAW FELLOW

The Law Fellow program offers forty-eight upperclass students the unique opportunity to teach in the first year Legal Research and Writing Program. The responsibilities of a Law Fellow include: (1) attending a weekly two-hour Law Fellow Seminar; (2) attending the weekly first year Legal Research and Writing classes; (3) responding to student papers through written comments and individual conferences; (4) writing a bench memo in the spring semester (draft and final); and (5) possibly teaching a weekly one-hour workshop. In addition, Law Fellows hold office hours for at least one hour each week throughout the fall and spring semesters.

The Law Fellow Seminar explores substantive law, learning theory, teaching methodology, and rhetoric as applied to legal analysis. In the seminar, Law Fellows work closely with a professor of legal research and writing to prepare for actual classroom teaching. In addition to their classroom responsibilities, Law Fellows are required to research the legal issues assigned to their students and provide written and oral comments on students' drafts. In the spring semester, Law Fellows write a bench memo outlining the issues covered in the first year appellate brief. On average, Law Fellows will spend approximately ten hours per week fulfilling their out-of-class responsibilities. During weeks when Law Fellows are required to comment on students' papers, the time commitment may reach as many as forty hours.

Applications for the Law Fellow program are due in March. Applicants must submit a Law Fellow application, a copy of their law school transcript, a current resumé, a writing sample, a brief personal statement, and a reference form. For those applicants completing their first year of law school, the take-home exam written in the spring semester serves as the writing sample. First year students must have their current Law Fellow complete the reference form.

The Law Fellow application process occurs each year. Students may not defer their acceptances. To be eligible for the program, students must have a grade point average of at least 2.67 at the beginning of the academic year of appointment. In addition, students are not eligible to be Law Fellows during any year in which they will be attending more than 20% of their classes off campus. Finally, all Law Fellows must be available to attend a week-long mandatory training program two weeks before fall semester classes begin.

IMPORTANT DATES

Law Fellow

February 27	Applications available in Room 540
March 27	Application deadline
April 10-26	Candidate interviews
May 15	Acceptances posted
May 16	Deadline for students to respond to acceptances
	Law Fellow Reception
August 21	Training week begins (tentative)

LAW JOURNALS

There are ten student-run journals at the Law Center: the Georgetown Law Journal, American Criminal Law Review, Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal, Georgetown International Environmental Law Review, The Georgetown Journal of International Law (formerly Law & Policy in International Business), Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics, The Georgetown Journal on Gender and the Law, The Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy and The Tax Lawyer. A brief description of each of the journals can be found on the Law Journals website: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/journals/>. Each journal has an office on campus, and staff members are happy to talk to students about their experience.

WRITE-ON COMPETITION

All first year students (full time, part time, and joint degree) have the opportunity to compete in the Write-On competition for a staff position on one of the Law Center's ten journals. The Write-On is the only way to become a member of a journal staff, and students may compete only once, in the spring immediately after their first year ends.

In March/April each year, the journal editors host a meeting for first year students to explain the Write-On process and journal admissions criteria. Students who decide to compete are able to purchase the "packet" via an online purchasing website beginning May 1 (tentative). In mid-May, shortly after their last exam, students who are registered will be able to access the competition website and begin the competition. Students may purchase the packet at anytime up until the due date; however, individuals who purchase the packet after the competition has begun will not receive additional time to complete their paper. *Individuals with deferred exams will not be eligible to begin the competition until they have completed all of their exams, those individuals should contact the Office of Journal Administration as soon as possible to discuss their situation.*

The packet found on the website contains all the information required to write a legal analysis or case comment on a "case in issue" topic that is provided (topics vary from year to year). Students have **12** days to complete the competition. Completed papers can either be turned in personally at a pre-determined collection time and location or postmarked via UPS, Fedex or Express mail by the competition deadline. Additionally, should they choose to, students may upload their completed competition papers to a secure website instead of submitting them in hardcopy.

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Law Journals

March 28	Journal town meeting for FT students, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
April 23	Journal town meeting for PT students (Immediately following Professor Cohn's last Civil Procedure class session)
May 1 (tentative)	Write-on Competition purchasing website will open and students will be able to pay to register for the competition
May 18 @ 9:00 a.m.	Write-on Competition website will open and students may begin competition, 9:00 a.m.
May 29	Completed Write-on papers due
Early August	Journal assignments posted/available online

LAW JOURNALS (Continued)

Students turning in hardcopy via hand delivery or mail will be asked to provide **four** copies of their paper. Those students using the on-line uploading feature will need to upload their paper only once. Each paper is scored by three judges. Each journal then applies its own formula to the write-on scores, grades from the first year, personal statements, and other criteria, and extends invitations to those individuals whom it feels have best met its qualifications. The specific policies each journal applies are subject to change annually, so interested students should contact the Office of Journal Administration for the most current information.

Each spring Administrative Editors from three of the ten journals work together to develop the legal issue that is the subject of the Write-On. The packet is then compiled by the Executive Editor of the Georgetown Law Journal in conjunction with the Office of Journal Administration.

Students participating in the competition are identified only by their exam number and the number assigned to their packet and paper. The competition maintains strict confidentiality.

More information about the Write-On Competition, including answers to a list of most frequently asked questions, can be found on the Office of Journal Administration's web page at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/journals>.

JOURNAL WORK

Journals are student-run, sometimes with the help of a faculty advisor. They publish articles, essays, book reviews, and student work. Some also sponsor academic symposia during the school year at which professors and practitioners exchange views. Students normally serve two years on the staff of a journal. The tasks assigned to journal members vary among the nine journals. Most staff members are assigned office hour(s) to help with the clerical tasks needed to run a publication. First year members help to "blue-book" the footnotes to articles that are being prepared for publication. This entails checking the source cited to ensure it supports the assertion made in the article and then conforming the footnote to the citation form found in *The Bluebook*. During the second year of journal membership, a student can seek to be named as one of the editors of the journal.

This takes place in the spring of the first year of journal membership. Depending on the editorial position, responsibilities may include selecting work for publication, soliciting submissions, organizing symposia or special events, or assisting in the administration of the journal.

APPELLATE ADVOCACY, MOCK TRIAL, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) COMPETITION

Participating in one of the Law Center's Appellate Advocacy or Mock Trial or ADR competitions is an excellent way to develop real world litigation skills. This is a particularly valuable opportunity for part time students, many of whom are unable to participate in a clinic.

THE BARRISTERS' COUNCIL

The Barristers' Council is one of the few entirely student-run organizations of its kind. It oversees the Mock Trial and Appellate Advocacy and ADR programs at Georgetown Law Center.

APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Moot court involves appellate advocacy. Competitors write a brief and argue their case before a panel of judges who score them based on their skills. It is similar to the oral advocacy exercise completed in all first year legal research and writing courses.

Robert J. Beaudry Moot Court Competition: This competition is open only to first year students, and generally is held from mid-March through mid-April. As a "closed packet" competition, students are provided all materials necessary to submit a brief and argue the case. Competitors are assigned one side in the case--either respondent or petitioner. Competitors advance to subsequent rounds based on a combination of brief and oral argument scores, and must be prepared to argue both "on" and "off" brief (for and against the side for which you wrote your brief). The final round is scored based solely on oral argument.

All semi-finalists are guaranteed a spot as an advocate on one of our appellate teams (which will compete nationally or internationally during the following academic year). A few of the competitors who advance but are not offered advocate positions will be chosen for alternate or assistant coaching positions. The winner's name is inscribed on the Beaudry plaque, which is on display outside the Moot Court Room.

The William E. Leahy Moot Court Competition: The Leahy Moot Court Competition takes place in the fall semester in early October. Leahy is open to all law students except first year students. The competition rules are similar to those of Beaudry. Semi-finalists and competitors who advance far enough will compete on one of our national or international appellate teams that same academic year. The name of the Leahy competition winner is inscribed permanently on the Roll of Best Advocates on the wall outside the Moot Court Room.

IMPORTANT DATES

Beaudry Moot Court Competition

(First Year students only)

February 26-March 2	Packets distributed
March 2	Packets released on Courseware
March 12	Briefs due
March 15-16	Preliminary rounds
March 17	Quarterfinal Rounds
March 18	Semifinal Round
March 20	Final round

Leahy Moot Court Competition

(Upperclass students only)

Early October	Competition begins
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APPELLATE ADVOCACY, MOCK TRIAL, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) COMPETITION (Continued)

MOCK TRIAL

Mock trials involve trial advocacy. Competitors are lawyers in hypothetical cases held before judges and juries, who score advocates based on their skills. The trials are simulated to be as realistic as possible. Participants present evidence, examine witnesses, and give opening and closing statements.

The William H. Greenhalgh Mock Trial Competition: The Greenhalgh Competition is held in the spring for all students who will return to the Law Center as students the following year. Started in 1991 to give students at the Law Center an opportunity to gain trial experience, it is named in honor of the late Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic who distinguished himself as an advocate and teacher. The competition involves opening and closing statements, direct and cross examination, and full trials in the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals. Competitors who reach the quarter-finals, typically between 16 and 20 students, are offered positions on Georgetown's national mock trial teams.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) COMPETITION

The ADR division of the Barristers' Council runs the Law Center's negotiation, mediation, arbitration and client counseling programs. One competition is organized each year. Held in the spring, the competition is open to all Georgetown Law students. Competitors are asked to negotiate a problem in teams, based on a closed packet. Those who advance to a certain level are invited to join the Barristers' Council and represent Georgetown Law in a national or international ADR competition. Finalists argue before well-known practitioners of alternative dispute resolution.

PEER ADVISORS, RESIDENT FELLOWS, SECTION TUTORS

PEER ADVISORS

First year students can be overwhelmed by the city of Washington, the Law Center, the new faces, and the many other choices facing them. Peer Advisors are upperclass students who make themselves available to first year students throughout Orientation. Interested students should contact Student Affairs (662-9292).

IMPORTANT DATES

Greenhalgh Mock Trial Competition

(All students)

February 9 Final round

ADR Competition

(All students)

February 3-4 Preliminary rounds

February 11 Final round

Peer Advisors

March 23 Applications available

April 20 Applications due

PEER ADVISORS, RESIDENT FELLOWS, SECTION TUTORS (Continued)

RESIDENT FELLOWS

Five upperclass students staff the Gewirz Student Center and serve as advisors to the resident population during the academic year. These students advise residents on managing the first year, dealing with stress, handling roommates, and a variety of other issues. In addition, the position requires weekly on-call rotation, administrative projects for the Office of Residence Life, and a significant amount of programming.

The RF selection process begins in February, and the application is available online at **www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife/currentresidents.cfm**. Resident Fellows receive an apartment in the Gewirz Student Center as compensation for approximately 15 hours of work per week.

SECTION TUTORS

Each year, Dean Bellamy hires upperclass tutors for each first year section who work in small groups with first year students. Dean Bellamy prefers to hire part time students for section 7. Tutors are paid the student wage (\$14.50/hour for 2006-07). Interested students should contact Dean Bellamy's office (662-9039).

STUDENT GOVERNANCE & ACTIVITIES

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Office of Student Affairs keeps a list of all existing student organizations. In early September, a Club Fair will be held on the library quad. This is an opportunity to join various groups. If you do not see an organization that meets your needs, please talk to the Office of Student Affairs. Organizations are encouraged to schedule evening meetings and events to permit part time students to participate. This is not always possible because part time students do not have many free blocks of time during which these events can be scheduled. However, you should contact the leadership of any group that interests you because most student organizations will make a concerted effort to accommodate part time students who want to be active participants in their organization.

IMPORTANT DATES

Resident Fellows

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| March 12 | Applications due in Residence Life (5:00 p.m.) |
| March 13-16 | Individual Screening Interviews |
| March 21 | Group Interview 3:30 (Invitation Only) |
| April 9-11 | Final Panel Interviews |
| April 12 | Resident Fellow job offers announced |

Section Tutors

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| April 15 | Application deadline |
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Student Governance & Activities

SBA Elections

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| February 8-9 | Elections |
| Mid-September | Deadline to apply for faculty/student committees |

STUDENT GOVERNANCE & ACTIVITIES (Continued)

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the student government of the Law Center. All students are voting members and elect the officers and delegates annually.

Committee Service: The Student Bar Association appoints student members to faculty/student committees. Committee service is an excellent opportunity to influence the Law Center's decision-making process and to assure that a student perspective is heard. The SBA office can provide you with a list of committees. The SBA will accept applications early in the fall semester. Watch for notices or contact the SBA Office at (202) 662-9268.

THE GEORGETOWN PRO BONO PLEDGE

As a practicing attorney, you will have a professional obligation to engage in pro bono work as required by the bar(s) to which you belong. Georgetown Law encourages all students to do pro bono service during law school and to this end offers a voluntary program called the Pro Bono Pledge in which students pledge to complete at least 75 hours of pro bono before they graduate. (Second year JD transfer students are asked to pledge 50 hours). A student can sign-up for the Pro Bono Pledge at any time during his or her law school career by completing a Pro Bono Pledge card which is available in the Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS). Although some students find the time to do pro bono during their first year, the majority of students find they have more time to engage in pro bono during their second and third years. Students interested in doing a clinic--most likely in their third year--are advised to do pro bono in their second year, as it is very difficult to do both in the same semester.

All students are encouraged to perform volunteer work beyond the amount pledged. JD students will receive special recognition for exceptional service in the amounts of 125 hours and 175 hours. Second year JD transfer students will receive special recognition for completing 75 hours and 100 hours. Those students who meet or exceed their pledge goal by graduation will receive a notation in the graduation bulletin and a certificate signed by the Dean.

To count towards the Pro Bono Pledge, the work must be:

1. Law-related;
2. Not for credit or compensation (Continuing to work on a clinic case after you have completed the clinic and are no longer getting credit for it would count towards the Pledge.);
3. Supervised by a licensed attorney or law faculty member;

STUDENT GOVERNANCE & ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Exceptions: You can get Pro Bono Pledge credit for the following types of work, even though you are not being supervised by a licensed attorney or law faculty member so long as the rest of the requirements for the Pledge are met:

Interning for a member of Congress

Interning for an organization that does lobbying or legislative/policy work (law-related)

Translating for an asylum case (such as for the CALS [immigration] clinic)

4. For a non-profit organization or government office or agency, whether domestic or international, which serves the public good and/or the legal needs of individuals, groups or causes that are under-represented in the legal system (Judicial internships count, work for political campaigns does not); and
5. At the time the volunteer work is done, the student must be enrolled in classes at GULC or visiting at another institution with the intention of graduating from GULC. If pursuing a joint degree, the student must be enrolled in classes at GULC or other graduate program for which the student is seeking a joint degree. **(Summer internships do not qualify for Pledge credit unless you are also taking summer classes towards a JD, LLM or joint degree.)**

Exception: Students not enrolled in summer classes can get credit for volunteer legal work done over the summer for an organization that otherwise fits the pro bono pledge criteria so long as the work is done outside that of the student's primary employer defined as the place he or she works at least 30 hours a week whether paid or unpaid.

Pro bono opportunities can be found on the Symplicity "Job Postings" website by selecting "yes" from the pull down option for "Pro Bono eligible." Please contact Holly Eaton, the Director of Pro Bono Programs, (eatonh@law.georgetown.edu) to discuss unlisted pro bono opportunities that would fit your particular interests, for information on what constitutes Pro Bono work, and for further details on the rules governing the pledge. You do not have to pursue OPICS-identified pro bono placements to get Pledge credit---you can find opportunities on your own---however, it is a good idea to run them by Ms. Eaton to be sure they would count.

2007 SPRING – FALL TIMELINE

The following schedule integrates Spring 2007 exam dates for first year courses with other important Spring, Summer, and Fall deadlines that will be important for planning purposes in the second year and beyond.

FEBRUARY	
February 22	Clinic applications available in Room 352 and in the Registrar's Office Semester Abroad Information Session, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Room 202 Monday classes meet instead of Thursday classes
February 26 – March 2	Beaudry Moot Court Competition packets distributed
February 27	Law Fellow applications available in Room 540
MARCH	
March 2	Beaudry Moot Court Competition packets released on Courseware
March 3-11	Spring Break
March 12	Renewal financial aid information sent to student email Beaudry Moot Court Competition briefs due Resident Fellow applications due in Residence Life (5:00 p.m.)
March 13	Clinics Q&A for Part Time Students – 8:00-9:00 p.m., Room 205 Request to transfer divisions due to the Office of Registrar
March 13-16	Resident Fellow individual screening interviews take place on a rolling basis
March 14	Clinic Information Fair – General Overview: 3:30-4:15 p.m., Hart Auditorium Faculty and Student Tables: 4:15-5:45 p.m., 2nd Floor McDonough
March 15	On time FAFSA submission for students applying for summer loans and federal work study
March 15-16	Beaudry Moot Court Competition preliminary rounds
March 15-21	Individual Clinic open houses and information sessions (see Clinic Application Packet for the schedule)
March 17	Beaudry Quarterfinal Rounds
March 18	Beaudry Semifinal Round
March 19-21	Clinic information table staffed on first floor, McDonough Hall

March 20	Beaudry Moot Court Competition final round
March 21	Resident Fellow group interview at 3:30 p.m. (invitation only)
March 22	EXAM: Legal Research and Writing take home exam pick up for part time students (§ 7)
March 23	EXAM: Legal Research and Writing take home exam pick up for full time students (§§ 1, 2, 3, 4) Peer mentor applications available
March 27	Law Fellow application deadline General clinic application due online
March 28	Journal town meeting for full time students, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
APRIL	
April	EARLY INTERVIEW WEEK and Fall recruitment programs information sessions Attend Skadden and Equal Justice Works fellowship information sessions Attend Public Interest Fellowship workshop
April 1	FAFSA on time deadline for students not attending summer school or not participating in summer federal work study program
April 2	Registration materials for 2006-2007 distributed – formulate long term curriculum plan and structure your 2L/2E registration decisions accordingly London Summer abroad program applications due 2006-2007 Schedule of Courses available on Registrar's webpage EXAM: Legal Research and Writing take home exam due (§§ 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7)
April 2 – May 29	Early registration for Law Center Summer session (first round requests for limited enrollment classes due April 16)
April 4	Supplemental clinic application materials due
April 6-8	No classes meet (Easter Break)
April 9	Summer Clinic applications available Schedule Advice Panel for first year full time students, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Hart Auditorium
April 9-11	Resident Fellow final panel interviews
April 10	Schedule Advice Panel for first year part time students, 8:00-9:00 p.m., Room 205
April 10-26	Law Fellow candidate interviews
April 12	Resident Fellow job offers announced

April 15	Section tutor applications due
April 16	Deadline to submit summer term financial aid applications
April 17	Clinic acceptances posted
April 18	Summer Clinic Applications due
April 19	Deadline to accept clinic seats for 2007-08 year
April 20	Peer mentor applications due
April 23	Journal town meeting for PT students (Immediately following Professor Cohn's last Civil Procedure class session)
April 24	Summer Clinic acceptances posted
April 26	Deadline to accept Summer 2007 Clinic seats
April 27	Deadline for submission of 2007-2008 course registration requests online
April 28	Last day of classes
MAY	
May 1	Deadline for online Georgetown University Law Center "Green Sheet" Deadline for initiating your 2007-08 loan application(s) Deadline to submit complete tax returns (renewal Georgetown University Law Center grant aid applicants) Write-On Competition purchasing website will open and students will be able to pay to register for the competition
May 2	EXAM: Contracts (§4) Property (§ 1) Civil Procedure (§ 7)
May 3	EXAM: American Legal Profession Exam Government Processes (§ 3) Torts (§ 4)
May 7	EXAM: Criminal Justice (§ 1, 2, 4) Legal Process and Society (§ 3)
May 9	EXAM: Torts (§ 7)
May 11	EXAM: Civil Procedure (§ 1)

	Constitutional Law (§ 2) Government Processes Torts (§ 4)
May 14	EXAM: Comparative Constitutional Law Criminal Responsibility and Theories of Punishment Economic Justice International Law I: Introduction to International Law Lawmaking Property (§ 7) Public Interest Law Religion and Law Transnational Law
May 15	Balance of tuition, fees, and Georgetown housing charges (if applicable) due for London Summer Abroad Program Law Fellow Acceptances Posted
May 16	Deadline to respond to Law Fellow acceptances Law Fellow reception
May 18	Journal Write-On Competition website will open and students may begin competition, 9:00 a.m.
May 29	Completed Journal Write-on papers due
May 30	Walk in Registration; first day of Summer Session 2007 classes
JUNE	
June – July	Begin researching firms for EARLY INTERVIEW WEEK and review research with OCS section advisor Update resume; review/select writing sample Upload resume and submit employer bids online using Symplicity
Last week of June	Registration results for 2007-08 schedules available online using Student Access +
JULY	
Early July – September 11	Add/drop and waitlist activity for Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 courses
July 8 – August 3	Dates for London Summer Program
July 25	Last day of Law Center Summer Session 2007 courses

July 28 & 30	Law Center Summer Session final exams
AUGUST	
Early August	Journal assignments posted/available online
August 21	Law Fellow training begins (tentative)
August 25	Early Interview Week (EIW) Orientation Program
August 27-31	Early Interview Week Program
SEPTEMBER	
September	Government Interview Program September Interview Program Federal Government Summer Honors Program deadline Participate in Regional Interview Programs Department of Justice Summer Law Intern Program deadline Call back interviews with large firms
September 4	Classes begin – add/drop and waitlist activity for Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 courses through September 11
Mid-September	Deadline to apply to the SBA to serve on faculty/student committees
OCTOBER	
Early October	Leahy Moot Court Competition begins
October	October Interview Program Equal Justice Works Public Interest and Government Employer Fair Apply to public interest and government organizations on own (throughout Fall and into Spring) Call back interviews with large firms and government agencies continue
DECEMBER	
December 2007 – April 2008	Apply to small/medium firms Follow up with large firms, government agencies and public interest employers that may not have completed hiring
FEBRUARY 2008	
February 2008	Georgetown University Law Center/George Washington University Public Interest and Government Interview Program