

Personal Diversity Statement Prompt

The Georgetown Law Journal deeply values diversity in both its membership and scholarship. During Write On, the *Journal* strongly encourages students to include a Personal Diversity Statement in their Write On submission. The *Journal* will extend 30% of membership offers in 2020 to students who submit outstanding Personal Diversity Statements and have reached a certain threshold score on their Write On submission. **As a reminder, students must opt-in to apply for the *Journal* to receive consideration.**

Your Personal Diversity Statement should explicitly identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and perspectives would contribute to the diversity of the *Journal*. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, micro-aggressions, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage. Most importantly, please illustrate how the factors you identify affect the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology and the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of the *Journal*.

For example, some past Personal Diversity Statements have discussed how an applicant's perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or his or her decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by:

- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Race
- Socioeconomic Status
- Underrepresented Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Ethnicity

Personal Diversity Statements should be double-spaced and should not exceed 750 words. Please include your Write On packet number, but **not your name**, on your Personal Diversity Statement and upload it along with your case comment to *The Georgetown Law Journal* box on the Materials page of the Write On Competition website. If you have any questions about the Personal Diversity Statement, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.