Dear Rising Second-Year Students,

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

Second, if you’re reading this letter then it’s clear you’re already thinking about journal involvement. I’m obviously biased, but I’d strongly encourage you to rank the American Criminal Law Review first or second as you finalize your preferences. As the nation’s premier criminal law journal, ACLR is cited and used routinely by judges, practitioners, professors, and students across the country. Our fantastic team of editors is preparing 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, beyond those abstract benefits, here are a few practical advantages to membership in ACLR:

- 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. Throughout the year, we host social and training events geared towards making us work better with the material we edit and the people we work with. We have alumni working in all sectors of the legal field, from prominent law firms to competitive clerkships, and make sure to capitalize on that network through various career and clerkship events.

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 are all other ACLR members! You can also visit ACLR’s website or check out our social media accounts for more information. Once the Competition begins, please only contact the Office of Journal Administration with questions or concerns.

Good luck! I look forward to welcoming you to the 57th 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 are interested 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. It has led academic and practical discussions of those issues for more than seventy years. We produce leading scholarship from practitioners, academics, and law students on food, drugs, medical devices, biologics, cosmetics, and other health-related topics. That scholarship has guided legal and medical professionals, policymakers, state and federal courts, and the Supreme Court in understanding these complex and evolving issues. Our field is interdisciplinary; our articles engage with many areas of law, including civil procedure, advertising law, patent law, environmental law, technology law, antitrust law, criminal law, regulatory and administrative law, intellectual property law, and constitutional law. Our journal’s exacting peer review process – completed by a board of leading food and drug law attorneys – ensures that our staff only review the most compelling scholarship in the field.

Partnered with Leading Professionals

The Food and Drug Law Journal is published at Georgetown University Law Center by the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), a non-profit membership organization devoted to the field of food and drug law. FDLI’s membership includes leaders from public advocacy groups, academia, the FDA, private industry, and national and international law firms. FDLI members compose the Food and Drug Law Journal’s board of peer reviewers. Our close relationship with FDLI – and our resulting access to its members – provides invaluable mentorship, networking, and educational opportunities for our staff. Many journal members have pursued internships and jobs as a result of these opportunities.

Engaging with Georgetown Faculty and the O’Neill Institute

Our journal is also partnered with the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, an organization within GULC devoted to the improvement of health through law. This partnership has yielded the largest faculty advisory board of any Georgetown journal. Professors Cabrera, Girard, Gostin, Heinzerling, Page, Thomas, Tushnet, Vladeck, and Westmoreland each enrich our journal with their diverse specialties and experiences. The Food and Drug Law Journal also coordinates an annual symposium with FDLI and the O’Neill Institute to discuss pressing topics in food and drug law.

Student Scholarship, Development, and Leadership

Each member of the Food and Drug Law Journal writes a student note related to the subject matter of the journal – we are excited to publish notes of requisite quality that complete our peer review process.
We also support alternative avenues to publication to afford each member the opportunity to have their work published. To that end, we allow members to publish distilled versions of their work on the Food and Drug Law Journal website as online submissions. We are also committed to working with students who wish to pursue publication in other health-related journals. The student note requirement may be completed through any GULC course that fulfills the writing requirement. Past members have written notes for courses on a variety of issues, including health privacy, bioethics, food law, patent law, statutory interpretation, health care fraud, and class action litigation.

Our journal is small and selective. As a result, we prioritize communication and efficiency, investing significant time and resources in training and skill development for our members. From the start, we ensure that you have all the support, resources, and guidance you need to fulfill your responsibilities to the journal and sharpen the skills that employers value. We encourage all members to ask questions, collaborate, and give each other feedback. Our journal’s size and selectivity also provide members with increased opportunities to assume leadership positions as part of our senior board.

**Membership and Personal Statement**

As a smaller, more selective journal, we value interest and fit as well as your qualifications and work ethic. Our selection criteria reflect those values; we weigh your Write On packet 25%, your Bluebook test 15%, your grades 30%, and your personal statement 30%.

All applicants must submit a personal statement in order to be considered for the Food and Drug Law Journal. The personal statement is your chance to address: (1) your interest in our journal; and (2) your interest or experience in health law or food and drug law. Personal statements should be limited to 200 words, double-spaced, and should be written in 12-point, Times New Roman font. In submitting your personal statement, please follow all relevant OJA guidelines on redaction.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Food and Drug Law Journal, and I hope you will consider joining us! Feel free to email me with any questions prior to the start of the competition; during the competition, please contact OJA at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu regarding all inquiries. I look forward to welcoming you into our community this fall!

Sincerely,

Max Horvath
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Dear First-Year Students,

Congratulations on your first year of law school! As you think about the 2019 Write On Competition, I encourage you to consider joining the *Georgetown Environmental Law Review (GELR)*. Our journal offers members a great opportunity to develop their writing and editing skills and to take valuable steps toward future employment in a wide range of legal fields. Environmental law is one of the most varied areas of the law. *GELR* regularly publishes articles and blogs on energy law, international law, administrative law, corporate law, national security, public health, social justice, animal law, constitutional law, property law, land-use, water rights, public policy, and much more. In fact, *GELR* devotes one issue each year entirely to international issues.

As a 2L staff member on *GELR*, you will edit articles and citations, collect sources, and conduct preemption checks. If you join the editorial board your 3L year, you will select and edit articles, oversee the scholarly publication process, and manage the *GELR* staff. Our editors also provide feedback to staff members, allowing our staff to improve their editing and research skills.

In addition to assisting with the publication of our journal, all *GELR* members write a student note on a topic of their choosing. Notes are due on December 31st of each member’s 3L year and can be written in conjunction with a writing requirement class. Student notes are a great opportunity to delve into your specific areas of interest while also developing your legal research and writing skills. *GELR* publishes three student notes per issue, which are often cited by legal scholars.

Members also draft one short-form article for *GELR*’s blog, which is one of the most-viewed blogs by any of Georgetown’s subject-matter journals. *GELR* partners with other schools’ environmental law reviews—including Harvard, NYU, Berkeley, and UVA—to share and publish each other’s student blogs via the Environmental Law Review Syndicate. This unique partnership not only boosts your readership, but it also helps build relationships between the next generation of environmental lawyers and scholars. Additionally, *GELR* plans to host a symposium next spring in conjunction with an alumni reception—both of which will be 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 your first-year grades, Bluebook Exam, and Write On score equally, each counting for one-third of our selection criteria. 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. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and best of luck with Write On!

Best wishes,
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Dear Prospective 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!

GILJ addresses issues in human rights, national security, international, labor, constitutional, criminal, and administrative law with an immigration focus. As national leaders are constantly reevaluating immigration programs and policies, immigration is a dynamic field. Commonly discussed in the media and frequently debated in legal circles, immigration is profoundly complex and offers a fascinating study of present and future global concerns. The present climate of changing immigration policy across the globe has especially increased the scholarly relevance of GILJ.

GILJ values your time, and we strive to make the entire Journal experience a positive one. We are fair about deadlines, and respectful of your other commitments. As a large portion of our work is done online, GILJ is compatible with the schedules of day and evening students alike. Please note that some editorial board positions may be limited to students who are studying the full year at Georgetown, including the positions of Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, and Executive Editor. Other positions can and have been held by students while studying abroad. To enhance the Journal experience, we will also hold occasional team meetings and social gathering.

A preference of 1 or 2 gives you a great chance of making the Journal as most successful past applicants have ranked GILJ in their top 3 choices. **GILJ values competition scores (Case Comment and Bluebook/Editing test 35% each) and an applicant’s interest in the immigration field (Personal Statement - 20%) more than grades (10%).** a good writer who reads carefully and is passionate about the field is likely to make a good staff editor. We are especially interested in your motivations for being on GILJ.

All GILJ members are required to write a Student Note by January of 3L year. Student Notes must be related to topics covered by the Journal. We encourage our members to meet this Student Note requirement in conjunction with fulfilling Georgetown’s Writing Requirement. Please keep this in mind when registering for classes. The Journal strives to publish all Student Notes that meet our quality standards. GILJ members can **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 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 17th, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

I wish you the best with the Competition!

Sharon Alice Joseph
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GILJ is especially interested in your motivations for being on the Journal. Please state your interest in GILJ, the immigration field, and/or any other information that would highlight your enthusiasm for being on GILJ.

Mechanics
1. Times New Roman, Font size 12
2. 1.5 line spacing
3. Word count: Maximum of 500 words – Please indicate your word count at the top of your statement

A successful personal statement conforms to the above requirements, and details an enthusiasm for GILJ membership with sufficient clarity without revealing the applicant’s identity. Any personal statement submissions should follow the redaction guidelines in the Competition instructions.
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 launched. The Online edition allows every journal member, including 2Ls, to publish content that focuses on issues they care deeply about. 2018 was also a Symposium year, meaning 2Ls were able to participate in the planning and execution for the Volume XX Symposium, which took place in the fall. Our Symposium focused 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. In 2018, we hosted a number of speakers and authors including Jodie Roure, who is presenting her findings to the United Nations later this year.

**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 on a combination of grades (40%), Case Comment (35%), and the Bluebook/Editing Test (25%). We do not require a résumé or a personal statement. 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 you begin thinking about 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 such as Harvard, Stanford, and Virginia, GJIL is recognized as one of the nation’s top resources for scholars and practitioners in the field of international law.

GJIL is an excellent choice for anyone interested in international, transnational, and/or comparative law. We are committed to publishing diverse content that is relevant to legal practitioners and academics. To that end, GJIL publishes four issues per year, covering the full range of legal topics in international law. Additionally, our annual International Trade Review offers a truly comprehensive snapshot of international trade law and includes practitioner commentaries on current developments in the field. We also hold a bi-annual Symposium on a topic of current prominence. Recent topics have included Economic Sanctions, Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute, and International Cyberlaw.

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 summer interns with the World Health Organization or the South African Human Rights Commission, or as 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.

We seek to make your time on GJIL as valuable as possible. As 2L staff, you will have the opportunity to review high-quality legal scholarship and contribute to the direction of future issues. Our 2L staff work closely with 3Ls selecting articles, editing substance, authoring online content, soliciting scholars, and shaping big-picture initiatives. In addition, all members have a chance to make a meaningful contribution to international law scholarship by submitting a note to be considered for publication. GJIL’s Notes Committee provides students with the flexibility, time, and guidance to thoughtfully complete the Journal’s note requirement by the end of their 3L first semester.

Selection for GJIL is based on a combination of grades (45%), the Write On case comment (30%), and the Write On Bluebook test (25%). Please feel free to contact me via email at tes89@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, and hope to welcome you to the 51st Volume of the Georgetown Journal of International Law.

Best regards,

Tom Spiegler
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 51
Georgetown Journal of International Law
Dear future staff editors,

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. Our members often get the opportunity to meet and engage with the authors in the Critical Race Theory movement—this is especially true in 2019, as we are planning our bi-annual Symposium which will bring together Critical Race scholars with Law Center students. MCRP is a team—as a socially progressive, subject-specific journal we take pride in the camaraderie and skills-building that comes along with being a part of a smaller staff. We aim to foster 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. Staff members author reactions to the content that MCRP publishes, which is included in the Journal’s print and online publications. 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 also submit a personal statement, as described below. Any resumes or personal statements submitted should be anonymized in accordance with the Competition instructions. 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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MCRP Personal Statement Prompt

MCRP’s mission is to promote racial justice through scholarly activism. Please write a short statement (no more than 500 words) describing why you hope to join MCRP, and why you believe critical race is important to legal scholarship. Your answer should address your personal interest in MCRP and how you see yourself contributing to our mission. Noting specific academic, professional, or personal experience that regard topics related to diversity and critical race theory is welcome. Please keep in mind that all submissions should be anonymous, as consistent with the official Competition instructions. We look forward to reading your statement!
Dear Rising Second Year Students,

The *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy* is one of a handful of law journals in the country dedicated to exploring and critiquing conservative, libertarian, and natural law perspectives on law and policy. Because our journal focuses not on a particular topic but on a way of thinking, journal members are exposed to a nearly endless array of subject matter. Recent issues contain articles and student notes on topics as varied as Section 232 tariffs, originalist constitutional theory, drug legalization, women’s rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause, money markets and the SEC, and religious freedom. Because we partner with the Georgetown Center for the Constitution, we are able to attract renowned constitutional law scholars among other expert academics and practitioners. Distinguished authors who have published with GJLPP include Erwin Chemerinsky, John McGinnis, Richard Epstein, Paul Larkin, Senator Bill Frist, and Senator John McCain. We are also dedicated to giving outstanding students a platform, publishing a high percentage of student notes.

GJLPP is a relatively young journal—we will be publishing our eighteenth 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. Due to our focus on conservative, libertarian, and natural law perspectives, we are uniquely positioned to influence many emerging legal debates.

Thanks to our symposium-based partnership with the Center for the Constitution, each issue we publish contains articles from eminent scholars grappling with a particular constitutional issue. The first issue of Volume 18 will contain articles focusing on the legal legacy of Thomas Cooley, the nineteenth-century Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and author of “Constitutional Limitations.” The second issue will contain articles focusing on the concept of judicial legitimacy. Our partnership with the Center for the Constitution allows us to publish some of the top legal scholars and historians in the nation while still allowing us to include an array of student-selected articles and student notes in each issue.

One of our most substantial contributions to Georgetown Law and the legal community is diversity of thought. We similarly value diverse perspectives in the articles and notes that we publish. As a result, we gladly welcome students whose ideas span the political and ideological spectrum.

In evaluating Write On candidates, we weigh your Write On score 40%, your Blue Book score 30%, and your grades 30%. We do not require a résumé or personal statement. Please do not hesitate to contact me at mec348@georgetown.edu if you have any questions before the Write On Competition. After the Competition begins, please contact the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu with any questions. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the GJLPP team.

Sincerely,

Megan Cairns
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 18
*Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*
Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics

May 2019

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 33 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.

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.

If you have any questions about GJLE prior to Write On, please feel free to contact me at dhw31@georgetown.edu. Once the Competition starts, please contact lawwriteon@georgetown.edu with any questions. We hope to welcome you to our team in the fall.

Sincerely,

Devlin Woods
Editor-in-Chief, Volume XXXIII
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 we 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 Note on a poverty-related topic and a contribution of a creative and thought-provoking piece to the *Journal’s* online content section. Members may fulfill the Note requirement by either (1) submitting a Note or (2) contributing three written pieces for publication on GJPLP online. Members selecting the first option can produce their Note either by (a) successfully completing a writing requirement course related to poverty law, or (b) conducting independent research with guidance from our Notes Editor.

I hope that you seriously consider joining the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. Our selection process emphasizes a holistic approach to each applicant, incorporating the Write On competition score, grades, and a required resume and personal statement. 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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**GJPLP Required Resume and Required Personal Statement**

GJPLP requires submission of an anonymized resume and personal statement. For guidance on anonymizing your resume, please refer to the Write On Competition instructions. For the personal statement, you may draw on past professional, academic, and/or personal experiences. Your personal statement should be no more than one page (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font) and should provide some insight into who you are and why you want to join the Journal.
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, but it is certainly an intellectually stimulating exercise, and I encourage you to embrace the challenge. I am confident that the experiences you will gain from journal participation—camaraderie, teamwork, and deep intellectual engagement—will be worth the work you will put in while completing the Write On process. Needless to say, I wholeheartedly encourage you to opt-in to apply to The Georgetown Law Journal!

The Journal, celebrating its 108th anniversary next year, is one of the oldest and most prestigious law reviews in the country. It is currently ranked the fourth or eighth law review nationwide (depending on the ranking metrics used). As a member of this highly regarded journal, you will work on editing—both substantively and technically—articles written by some of the most influential legal scholars in the world. Some of the pieces we publish will shape legal discourse for years to come.

One of the most exciting this about being a member of the Journal is our generalist approach to scholarship. Journal members have the unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of diverse legal subjects, from constitutional law to complex litigation to business law to legal history, and beyond. Additionally, by contributing to the Journal’s Annual Review of Criminal Procedure, members will become immersed in the current state of criminal law. Aside from the academic benefits of journal membership, the Journal makes fostering community one of its principle goals. As the largest journal on campus, members have the opportunity to meet students with all different personal and professional backgrounds, both through the course of their work and through organized social events. Members also have the opportunity to engage with Journal alumni.

**Membership:** Students must opt-in to the Journal 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. The Write On score will weight students’ case comment score 75% and their Bluebook test 25%.

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. The prompt is attached below.
Transfer students are selected solely based on their Write On score.

**Scholarship:** Each year, the *Journal* selects approximately twenty-five 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. The *Journal* also publishes approximately ten student notes for publication. 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* resembles a hornbook, as it provides an overview of current criminal law. 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 legal research 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.

**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](http://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 opt-in to the *Journal*—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!

Sincerely,

Grace Paras  
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 108  
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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 25% of membership offers in 2019 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 or work 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 (ordered alphabetically):

- Age
- Disability
- Ethnicity
- National Origin
- Familial Status
- Gender Identity/Expression
- Military Status
- Political Ideology
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation
- Socioeconomic Status
- Work Experience

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.
Dear First Year Students,

First off, congratulations on finishing your first year of law school! While you have many options for journals, we hope that you strongly consider the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*. We are the only peer-reviewed journal devoted exclusively to national security law and policy.

If you have an interest or a background in national security law, the JNSLP is a great option. Our journal covers the entire spectrum of issues within the national security field from cybersecurity, to intelligence, to the security implications of climate change.

The JNSLP takes a flexible approach to journal obligations with no required office hours. Furthermore, part-time and transfer students make a crucial contribution to our membership. As a member of the Journal, you will have two unique opportunities:

(1) All of our members write a student note on a national security law topic before their 3L year. We do not require our members to pursue publication, but our Executive Notes Editor provides individualized support and resources to students who would like to contribute meaningful scholarship. Additionally, our Faculty Editorial Board and LLM staff members also provide guidance and advice during the writing process.

(2) Each year, the JNSLP hosts a symposium in partnership with the Center on National Security and the Law here at Georgetown. Our members have the opportunity to take a senior leadership role in organizing and producing this event, which allows our members to interact with practitioners in national security. The annual symposium addresses current topics in the field, and the past symposia have focused on The Continuing Threat of Nuclear Weapons (2019), 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).

Because we place considerable weight on the required personal statement, please put careful thought into your statement. We hope to welcome you to the journal next year!

Sincerely,

**Matthew W. Harden**
Student Editor-in-Chief

*Journal of National Security Law & Policy*
Dear Future Journal Members,

Thank you for participating in this year’s Write-On Competition! If you are applying to the Journal of National Security Law & Policy, we require a well-written personal statement.

We welcome members from a wide range of backgrounds, including those with extensive national security experience, those hoping to pursue a career in the field, and those simply interested in the subject-matter. Your personal statement should demonstrate why you are interested in national security law. We place considerable weight on the personal statement, so please make it a thoughtful submission. For the personal statement, please respond to one of the following two prompts:

(1) If you have a desire to practice in this field, what is the basis for it? Which aspects of practice in this area appeal to you?

(2) How will your current or prior experience in this field help you to contribute to the Journal of National Security Law & Policy?

Limit your personal statement to 500 words. Format your statement with one-inch margins and double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font. Include a word count as your final line (which is not assessed against the 500-word limit). We will evaluate your personal statement for clarity of thought, conformance to the formatting requirements, and grammatical accuracy.

Because this is not a brief or legal analysis, do not cite to source material. This is your opportunity to showcase your individual passion and interest in this specific area of law. Do not include your name or any other identifying information in your submission, in accordance with the Competition Instructions.

Please note that the personal statement is required. Write-On packets submitted without a personal statement will forfeit the entire score that the JNSLP assigns to this component.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Harden
Student Editor-in-Chief
Journal of National Security Law & Policy
PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Attached please find the letters and personal statement prompts for the journals that will be weighting personal statements as part of your overall Write On Competition score (see Journals Comparison Chart for the full score breakdowns). This year, you may read the prompts and start working on personal statements before the Competition opens. If you wish to be considered by one or more of the journals requiring a personal statement and/or resume, you must upload the personal statement (combined with a resume if required) for each journal during your competition period. Although you may work on statements early, you will not be able to submit them until your Competition period opens. For the purpose of these instructions, the term “personal statement” means both any written statement and a resume if one is required.

REDACTING PERSONAL STATEMENTS

You must remove your personal information from any document you upload and you must redact identifying information from the document itself, such as your name and e-mail address. Identifying information may include:

- your name and any contact information
- any positions you hold in Georgetown Law organizations
  - Law Fellows – list but do not identify day or night division
  - RAs – just list that you will be an RA for the summer, not who you are working for
- any awards that would be obviously traceable back to you
- the name and city of your undergraduate institution
- any publication titles and citations
- the name of your summer firm
- anything else that would be searchable or otherwise common knowledge in the student body

Where an item to be redacted is related to the nature of the journal, include a brief note describing the nature of the item. For instance, if your undergraduate thesis is titled, “‘Three Things Very Dull Indeed’: Class, Poverty, and Welfare in Jane Austen’s England”, you might need to redact the title but add, “used the novel Emma as a springboard for exploring the pernicious and pervasive problem of poverty in early 19th-century England”.

Adobe Acrobat has a tool for marking and applying redactions (which will also remove metadata). However, we understand that Acrobat is not free and may not be available to all competitors. If using Microsoft Word, an easy way to redact is to remove text altogether. You might do this by:

- Writing around the missing text (e.g., “Undergraduate University” instead of “Georgetown University”)
- Replacing the text with x’s (e.g., “xxxx xxxx News” instead of “Yale Daily News”)
- Using [Redacted] (e.g., “[Redacted thesis title]”)

If you just use black highlights, the text actually remains in place under the highlighting and can be read from a pdf by copying/pasting back into a Word document.

Our primary goal is to ensure anonymity in the competition as much as possible. A good rule of thumb is to remove or obfuscate anything that would lead directly to you in a Google search. We understand that these guidelines can be quite subjective or may be difficult to follow in certain circumstances without removing all personality from a submission. We ask that you make your best effort, and OJA will review all submissions before sending to the editors.
You may not identify yourself in any way to the Write On judges and editors as the author of packet materials. Therefore, you must remove personal identifying information from every file you upload as part of the Competition. In addition to removing your personal data from the document metadata, you must also redact any resumes and personal statements following the suggestions above. Failure to remove any personal identifying information is a violation of the Student Honor Code.

Instructions for removing this information from Microsoft Word 2016 and older versions are given below, and should be familiar from exams. Students using other word processing software are responsible for determining how to remove this personal identifying information. Remove all identifying information before converting to .pdf.

Take these steps to ensure no personal identifying information is included in your document (see also instructions from the Registrar and IST):

**REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN WORD 2013 (OFFICE 365)**

1. Open the Microsoft Word 2013 document.
2. Click on the File tab.
3. Choose the Options option.
4. The Word Options dialog will open.
5. Delete the information within the User Name field and press the Space key once.
6. Delete the information within the Initials field and press the Space key once.
7. Click on the OK button.

Note: You must have one blank space in both the User Name and Initials fields, as Microsoft Word needs "text" in those fields. If you do not press the Space key, your name and initials will return.

**REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN WORD 2010 (WINDOWS)**

1. Click on the File menu and click Info from the left sidebar.
2. Click Check for Issues and select Inspect Document. A Document Inspector window will open.
3. Click Inspect.
4. Click Remove All in the section for Document Properties and Personal Information (NOT Header, Footer, and Watermarks), then click Close.

You can also do the following:

1. Open a Microsoft Word document.
2. Click on the File tab.
3. Choose the Options option.
4. The Word Options dialog will open. (Please see the image below.)
5. Delete the information within the User Name field and press the Space key once.
6. Delete the information within the Initials field and press the Space key once.
7. Click on the OK button.

Note: You must have one blank space in both the User Name and Initials fields, as Microsoft Word needs "text" in those fields. If you do not press the Space key, your name and initials will return.
REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN WORD 2007 (WINDOWS)

1. Click on the Microsoft Office Button and click on the Prepare menu.
2. Click Inspect Document. A Document Inspector window will open.
3. Click Inspect.
4. Click Remove All in the section for Document Properties and Personal Information (NOT Header, Footer, and Watermarks), then click Close.

REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN WORD 2016 (MAC)

1. From the Tools menu, select Protect Document.
2. Ensure that Remove personal information is checked.
3. Save document again

REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN WORD 2011 (MAC)

1. From the Word menu, select Preferences.
2. Click on the Security icon.
3. Under Privacy options, ensure that Remove personal information from this file on save is checked, then click OK.

You can also do the following:

1. Open a Microsoft Word 2011 (Mac) document.
2. Click on the word Word within the Menu bar.
3. Choose the Preferences option.
4. The Word Preferences dialog will open.
5. Click on the Security icon, located in the Personal Settings section.
6. The Security window will open.
7. Enable the Remove personal information from this file on save field.
8. Click on the OK button.
9. Save the document.

REMOVING PERSONAL DATA IN APPLE PAGES 5 (MAC)

1. From the Pages menu, select Preferences.
2. Delete your name if it appears in the Author field.
SUBMITTING PERSONAL STATEMENTS

ONLINE: You may submit any personal statement(s) online as a **.pdf file only** by using the Write On Competition upload feature, found on the Materials page (available only during your Competition period). Journals accepting personal statements will have an upload box for that document, not to be confused with the case comment “Position Paper” box.

Pay attention to the materials requested by the journal, not all require both a personal statement and resume, and you might be docked points for submitting additional materials. You will not be able to submit personal statements at all to journals that do not factor them into your overall Competition score.

To upload personal statements and/or resumes, find the appropriate upload box for the journal. You may upload only one document per journal. Thus, if you are submitting both a personal statement and a resume, **you must combine the documents as one. Do not upload personal statements to the "position paper" box.** Doing so will delete your case comment from the system. Finally, uploading a personal statement does not automatically preference a journal. You must also preference any journals you wish to join in the Preferencing section of the site.

Please include the **packet number** on your submission; this is what OJA uses to track your submission. Keep track of the e-mail confirmation you receive when you purchase the packet, as it will contain your packet number.

PERSONAL STATEMENT TIPS

- Read the letters from the editors carefully and submit what is requested for each journal.
- Redact personally identifying information as best you can.
- Show don’t tell.
- Be deliberate about the information you provide to journals; it will help you write around any personally identifying information you might have to redact.