GEORGETOWN LAW
2023 WRITE ON COMPETITION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. The Competition database will open at 9:00 AM EDT on May 19 and will close at 11:59pm EDT on July 5, 2023. Participants will have 14 days to the minute from the time of access to complete their Competition materials, and they may choose any 14 days between May 19 - July 5. OJA strongly advises Competition participants to upload their completed papers early in the unlikely event of server problems. Should a participant find themselves unable to upload their paper to the site, they should e-mail the documents as soon as possible to OJA at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. The participant may also call OJA at (202) 662-9423 to leave a voicemail alerting the Office to their technical difficulty.

II. Extensions to individual deadlines will not be granted except in case of extreme emergency—e.g., illness requiring immediate surgery, death in your immediate family. Accommodations for particular religious observances or deferred exams should be arranged with OJA prior to the start of the Competition.

III. All students are advised to read all Competition information available from the "Downloads" section completely, including the "How To Write a Case Comment" document. This information will be available to all students as soon as they initiate their Competition window. OJA, the Competition Administrator, and Georgetown Law will not be held responsible for students who fail to properly complete Competition materials due to ignorance of said materials.

IV. Students with deferred exam(s) may not begin the Competition until 24 hours after the submission of their last exam. Students have the responsibility to communicate with the Office of Journal Administration regarding the appropriate start time. Students with deferred exams will have the same number of hours to complete their Competition materials as other students.

V. Students are NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANY OUTSIDE RESEARCH when writing their case comments. If a source in the packet quotes a second source that is not in the packet, students may only use that second source to the extent it is used in the included source. Students must rely entirely upon the materials provided in the packet, plus the following sources: a dictionary, a law dictionary, a thesaurus, and the 21st Edition of the Bluebook (print or online). Students may not refer to any law journal articles or materials during the Write On period unless those articles or materials are included as sources in the packet. Students may neither discuss the contents of the packet with anyone during the Write On period, nor may they receive editing or proofreading assistance from anyone else. While writing, students may use a spell-check and grammar-check program as these programs are widely available. Students may use Westlaw and Lexis for other work not relating to the Write On.

VI. Additional information concerning the 2023 Write On Competition will be sent regularly to students in the Competition via e-mail. THESE E-MAILS WILL ONLY BE SENT TO EACH STUDENT'S GEORGETOWN LAW E-MAIL ACCOUNT, OR THE E-MAIL PROVIDED TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AS PART OF A TRANSFER APPLICATION. It is each student's responsibility to regularly check their e-mail throughout the duration of
the Competition. OJA and Georgetown Law will not be held responsible for students who miss deadlines or fail to properly complete required portions of the Competition due to missed e-mails.

VII. Joint-degree and part-time students who wish to defer their membership on a journal must notify OJA of their intentions before the preferencing deadline. Information about intention to defer will not be shared with Write On judges or editors and will be used for staff planning purposes only.

VIII. Journal membership is a two-year commitment. Students who do not fulfill their journal obligations may be subject to internal journal disciplinary procedures, including expulsion from the journal.

IX. All students will be required to adhere to the Academic Honesty Statement during the entire course of the Write On Competition. Students found to be in violation of the Academic Honesty Statement will be removed from the Competition without refund and may face other sanctions as appropriate. The text of the Academic Honesty Statement is below:

ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

I understand that by participating in the 2023 Georgetown Law Write On Competition that I am bound by the Georgetown University Student Honor Code. I have complied with the time limits as described in the instructions for this packet. The work that I have submitted to the journals is completely my own, and I have neither accepted outside help nor engaged in any outside research. I further agree any use of Westlaw, Lexis, or any other legal research database was in the course of my summer employment and not for purposes of this Competition.

By clicking the button to begin your Competition window, you agree to these terms & conditions (including the Academic Honesty Statement).