

DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND LOGISTICS

****PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY.****

Pick-Up Options:

Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 9, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 12 through Thursday, May 15, 2008
From 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Leaving campus before May 8, 2008?

Bring us a FedEx envelope with a mailing slip filled out--
WITHOUT your name, WITH your address, PAID for with a
credit card—and we will send you the materials. This envelope
must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 2006.

Location:

Law School Atrium

Law School Atrium

Registrar's Office

FedEx

Due Date:

Friday, May 16, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Circulation Desk

Law Library

(Pritzker Research Center)

OR SEND TO:

All Journal Writing Competition
Northwestern University School of Law
357 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

DUE DATE

The due date – **FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**– applies both to entries that are hand delivered and sent via mail.

Late entries will not be accepted. If you have a serious and unavoidable emergency (death in the family), call Cliff Zimmerman at (312) 503-7043 (work) or (847) 291-7879 (home).

SUBMITTING ENTRIES VIA MAIL

If you send your writing competition entry via mail, the courier service you choose (FedEx, UPS, DHL, Airborne Express) must be able to track the package and verify the time the package was sent. **There must be proof** that you sent your package **before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008.**

If you send your writing competition entry via the **United States Postal Service**, it **must be POSTMARKED** by **MIDNIGHT, Thursday, MAY 15, 2008.**

To preserve anonymity, you must use the writing competition address as your return address.

Failure to follow these procedures will result in disqualification from the writing competition.

If you will be unable to upload an electronic copy of your submission before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008, you must speak with Cliff Zimmerman **BEFORE MAY 8, 2008** at (312) 503-7043.

*****Note: Whether you hand in by mail or in person you MUST upload an electronic copy of your submission by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008.*****

EXTENSIONS

Extensions **WILL NOT BE GRANTED** for loss of computer files, equipment malfunctioning, etc., so back up your work early and often.

If you have a serious and unavoidable conflict with the dates of the writing competition, you must speak with Cliff Zimmerman **BEFORE MAY 8, 2008** at (312) 503-7043 to be granted an extension.

No other extensions will be granted

LIBRARY HOURS

The Pritzker Research Center will be open during business hours. If the Center is willing to remain open for extended hours, we will contact you before May 8, 2008.

HONOR CODE

The writing competition is an individual effort. You **MAY NOT** discuss any issues raised in the writing problem with anyone inside or outside of the Northwestern University School of Law community including professors, faculty, students, friends, family, or any other person. No one may read or edit your competition entry.

The Northwestern University School of Law Writing Competition is governed by the SBA Honor Code which is found at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/private/rules-regs/part4.PDF>. You are required to adhere to both the letter and spirit of all the regulations and provisions of the Honor Code.

You are obligated to report immediately any violations or possible violations of the Honor Code to the SBA Honor Code Prosecutor.

Violation of the Honor Code or the rules of this writing competition will result in immediate disqualification from the writing competition and further action by the Judicial Council.

MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

The journals expect to make membership offers in early August. Cliff Zimmerman will send an email to all participants near the end of July when the call days have been determined. You will only be extended **ONE** offer, however journals may be extending offers over a period of a few days. You will have **until 5 p.m. on the day following your offer** to accept or decline your offer before it lapses.

STUDENT-RUN LEGAL JOURNALS

JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

The JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY, founded by Dean Wigmore in 1910, is the second most widely circulated law review in the country. From its inception, the JOURNAL has focused on the advancement of scholarship in criminal law. Some topics have included the study of police, the reform of corrupt practices, and the constitutional and social policy implications of enforcing civil and criminal law. The JOURNAL was the first publication in the English language to devote itself entirely to the scientific study of the causes and problems of crime and criminology. The JOURNAL has maintained this interdisciplinary approach, and continues to serve as the only journal in the country to combine both criminal law and criminology. It is also unique in that the criminology articles are peer-reviewed by experts in the criminology field. While it still deals with social science, the JOURNAL mainly focuses on legal doctrine, including constitutional criminal procedure.

JOURNAL members read, edit, source, and cite the pieces of legal scholarship that are published each year. During the 2008-2009 school year, the JOURNAL will publish four editions, including one symposium. Past symposium issues have been featured in the *The New York Times* and have included such topics as, the death penalty, criminal white-collar prosecutions, the intersection between technology and crime, and international genocide. Additionally, members research and write a 40-60 page comment dealing with an aspect of criminal law to be considered for publication in the JOURNAL. We will accept approximately 30 members during the writing competition and up to 10 members during the write-on competition in the fall.

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JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights law is a dynamic field. The legal community, domestically and internationally, seeks solutions through the rule of law in response to the gravest problems facing the world today. The purpose of the JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS is to provide a forum for dialogue. Members of the JOURNAL are afforded the opportunity to engage with the leading legal practitioners, scholars, jurists, and human rights advocates in the field. Through the JOURNAL'S relationship with the Northwestern Center for International Human Rights (CIHR), members will collaborate with Professor David Scheffer, the JOURNAL'S faculty advisor and former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues in the Clinton Administration. The JOURNAL co-hosts international conferences which feature distinguished panelists from Tribunals in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and the former Yugoslavia, as well as the International Criminal Court.

JOURNAL members will submit for publication a 30-50 page substantive paper on a topic of their choice. The Journal uniquely welcomes articles both legal and interdisciplinary in nature. All member-written articles fulfill the three-draft writing requirement. JOURNAL members are also asked to source & cite, assist in article selection, and proofread article submissions. Finally, members of the JOURNAL FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS enjoy direct access to key players

in the international human right field. Members will have the opportunity to work with the CIHR to deliver high-quality events that contribute to international human rights discourse.

The JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS is very excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to the possibility of working with you. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & BUSINESS

The JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & BUSINESS is the premier journal of private international law at Northwestern Law and is the only business journal at the school. The JOURNAL enjoys an excellent reputation as a leading periodical in the field of international law. It is currently among the top 25 journals cited in the area of international law. In 2009-2010, the JOURNAL will celebrate its 30th Anniversary, making it one of the oldest international law journals in the country.

The focus of the JOURNAL is the analysis of transnational and international legal problems as they affect private entities. Today's international lawyers must be cognizant of multilateral trade negotiations, European Community law, global financial markets, foreign taxation, and a host of other subjects. The JOURNAL serves as an educational tool for international scholars and practitioners by providing a greater understanding of private international legal developments.

In addition to traditional scholarly articles, we publish an annual symposium devoted to a single topic of particular importance in international legal scholarship and practice. This symposium brings special recognition to the JOURNAL. Past topics include International Economic Conflict and Resolution, China Revisited, Institutions for International Economic Integration, and European Union Competition Law. JOURNAL members will gain invaluable research skills by writing a substantive note or comment, which will be considered for publication in the JOURNAL.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, or for more information on the JOURNAL see our website at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/journals/jilb/>.

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JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

The JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY is Northwestern Law's newest journal. The JOURNAL was founded to answer the call to further initiatives that support public service. Through the JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY the law school community has a forum to discuss the issues affecting our social policy, and to be a leader in the discourse that changes and shapes our

society. The JOURNAL addresses cutting edge legal issues in the realm of social policy. The JOURNAL addresses a broad array of policy issues, including, but not limited to, how law and social policy affect race, gender, sexual orientation, housing, immigration, poverty, the environment, health care, and privacy rights.

Founded in 2005, the JOURNAL published its inaugural issue in 2006. The inaugural issue resulted from a symposium which commemorated Chicago's historic *Gautreaux* public housing desegregation case. The symposium examined the implications and impact of public housing desegregation litigation. Symposium participants and JOURNAL contributors included legal academics, social scientists, and legal practitioners. The JOURNAL held its second symposium this Spring, entitled "Ten Years After Welfare Reform: Making Work Pay." The symposium analyzed the results of the welfare reforms of the 1990s, which focused on moving people off welfare rolls and into work. While these reforms were a step in the right direction, many of those who have entered the work force are still struggling to survive; often working multiple jobs, yet are still unable to support their families. The symposium explored the many components, beyond just finding a job, that are necessary in order for individuals to truly become self-sufficient. Our fall issue will highlight the work of the symposium contributors.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the JOURNAL will publish two issues, including the fall symposium. The responsibilities of JOURNAL members include sourcing and citing, proofreading article submissions, and assisting in article selection. JOURNAL members are required to write a 40-60 page paper addressing a public policy topic. All member articles are considered for publication in the JOURNAL and will be evaluated for three draft credit.

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NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY seeks to augment debate among academics, practitioners, businesspeople, and students on legal issues at the intersection of technology and intellectual property, including but not limited to law and biotechnology, copyrights, the Internet, media, patents, telecommunications, and trademarks. Founded in 2002 by Jane Margaret Blake, the JOURNAL published its inaugural issue in 2003, and we will publish our twelfth issue in Spring 2008. Though the JOURNAL is still young, it is rapidly growing and provides the opportunity to take on a leadership role in its expansion.

The online format of the JOURNAL permits rapidly developing issues in intellectual property law to be addressed in a timely manner by combining scholarly analyses with an examination of the current news. The JOURNAL unites elements of conventional printed journals, such as articles, working papers, case notes, and comments, with the advantages of an online journal, including shorter pieces (such as news analyses) called "perspectives" and connections to intellectual property and technology events. The JOURNAL publishes one online issue at the end of each semester, as well as a symposium issue over the summer, each of which is further disseminated by LexisNexis, Westlaw, and other electronic database research systems.

JOURNAL staff members are required to perform sourcing and citing and assist with the selection, reading, and proofreading of submissions. The completion of a substantive comment or case note of 35-40 pages, which may fulfill the three-draft writing requirement, is also required of all staff members. The JOURNAL will consider every comment or case note for publication.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

The NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW published its first issue in 1906 under the name ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW. Northwestern adopted the current name NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW in 1953. Generally, the LAW REVIEW publishes three types of scholarly writing: articles authored by professors, judges, and practitioners; book reviews and other commentary; and student-written comments and case notes. The LAW REVIEW also publishes its *Colloquy*. The *Colloquy* is the online counterpart to the Law Review, where at least one novel, scholarly piece is published each week. Many *Colloquy* pieces are dialogues between authors on interesting legal theories, such as the Ideological Drift of the Supreme Court series started by our own Lee Epstein. The colloquy can be read at <http://colloquy.law.northwestern.edu/>.

Since its inception, the LAW REVIEW has been distinguished by the scholarly qualifications and diversity of its participants. Prior Editorial Board Members have included United States Supreme Court Justices John Paul Stevens and Arthur Goldberg; Judge Robert A. Sprecher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Governor Daniel Walker; Dean Roscoe Pound; and Adlai E. Stevenson.

Prominent contributors have included Raoul Berger, Judge Jose A. Cabranes, John Coffee, Archibald Cox, Justice Tom Clark, Justice William O. Douglas, Justice Abe Fortas, Justice Felix Frankfurter, Dean Leon Green, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Hubert H. Humphrey, Albert M. Kales, Brunson MacChesney, Nathan William MacChesney, Charles T. McCormick, Nathaniel Nathanson, Sir Frederick Pollack, Judge Richard Posner, Dean (now Professor) David Ruder, and Dean John Henry Wigmore.

In addition to individual contributions, the LAW REVIEW has a proud history of special symposium issues on a broad range of important topics. Recent symposium issues have included Free Speech and Economic Power (Summer 1999), Relational Contract Theory (Spring 2000), and Behavioral Methods in the Law (Spring 2003).

Members of LAW REVIEW share responsibilities including sourcing and citing, assisting article selection, and proofreading submissions. Every LAW REVIEW member is required to spend approximately three hours each week in the Law Review Office assisting in article selection and other general tasks as required. Additionally, every member will complete two sourcing or citing assignments per semester of ten to twenty hours each, as well as helping review the final copy of the LAW REVIEW before publication. Staff members are also required to assist with the LAW REVIEW's online *Colloquy* as necessary. Finally, each member of LAW REVIEW is responsible for researching and writing a case note or comment of publishable quality of at least 50 pages on a

substantive legal issue. LAW REVIEW invites approximately 36 students to join the staff through the writing competition and up to 6 **transfer** students through the fall write-on competition.

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DETERMINING MEMBERSHIP

To determine membership offers, each journal considers both your entry in the writing competition and your first-year grade point average (GPA). The competition criteria for each journal (i.e., relative weight of writing versus grades) are as follows:

Journal	GPA	Writing Score
<i>Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology (JCLC)</i>	50%	50%
<i>Journal of International Human Rights (JIHR)</i>	40%	60%
<i>Journal of International Law and Business (JILB)</i>	50%	50%
<i>Journal of Law and Social Policy (JLSP)</i>	40%	60%
<i>Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property (JTIP)</i>	33.3%	66.6%
<i>Northwestern University Law Review (NULR)</i>		
26 Students	50%	50%
10 Students	Must be top 2/3	100%

FAQ

WHAT IS A CASE NOTE?

A case note is an in-depth analysis of a single case.

While a case note is more than an extensive case brief, it has similar components. Generally, a case note begins by revealing the reasoning behind the court’s decision. It may go on either to challenge or affirm the approach the court has taken, using other case law and sources to bolster the arguments it advances. A strong case note explores the potential effects of the opinion— on future case law or policy or both. It is appropriate to disagree with precedent. The most important aspect of a strong case note is that it reflects logical reasoning and thorough, creative analysis of the materials.

If you would like to see examples of student case notes, the Library has created a helpful page to aid in your search at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/services/journalsupport/casene/>

Please keep in mind that your competition entry will be much shorter in length than a published case note and that **you may not read any outside materials, including example case notes, once the competition has started.** Previously published student case notes and comments are also available on the Law Review website (see page 9).

WHAT IS THE EDITING SECTION?

Your writing competition packet will include an editing portion that will involve a short exercise similar to what will be expected for members of a journal. Each journal will determine the relative weight of the editing exercise compared to the case note requirement when scoring, but the case note remains the predominant factor in the overall writing competition score. This exercise will require each participant to use the Bluebook, 18th Edition, and the committee strongly recommends purchasing one before the competition.

Information on the differences between the Bluebook and ALWD is available on the ALWD website at http://www.alwd.org/publications/second_edition_teaching.html.

HOW DOES THE RANKING SYSTEM WORK?

In your competition packet, you will receive a page with a list of all the journals. You will have to select and rank those journals to which you want to apply. You may rank all journals, but you should only rank those journals from which you would accept an offer.

Each journal will grade those competition entries which have ranked them. In each round of matching, a computer compares each journal's top choices to the students' top preferences and matches are made. Each journal then receives its list of matches from which to make its offers.

There is no benefit in trying to "game" the system. Most students receive an offer from a journal, and the system is designed to give student's their highest choice possible. The system is also designed so that no student is penalized for preferencing journals for which they doubt their chances of acceptance. So please research your decisions and **rank your preferences honestly.**

HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT LIFE ON A JOURNAL?

All of the journals are more than happy to discuss the particular benefits of being on their staff. You may contact any of the journals up until the beginning of the writing competition, at which point the Honor Code prohibits any communication between participants and journals. If you find you have more questions after the completion of the competition, you can contact Cliff Zimmerman.

All journals will be available in the atrium tomorrow (April 16th), Thursday (April 17th) from 12 – 1 pm to meet with students. Please make use of this time to ask as many questions as you have regarding selectivity, responsibilities, and other aspects of journal membership. Please

be aware that no journal representative will “gossip” with you or otherwise speak negatively about the other journals.

FALL WRITE-ON COMPETITION***

If you are not extended a membership offer pursuant to the Spring Writing Competition, the write-on competition may provide another opportunity to obtain journal membership. Students may only choose to write onto a single journal. Each journal upholds its own rules regarding the fall write-on competition, but generally the write-on competition requires a student to write a full-length case note or comment, participate in source and citing assignments, and fulfill other responsibilities of a journal member. Typically, the competition extends through November or December. Some, though not necessarily all, write-on candidates will be selected for journal membership after the fall competition period ends. GPA is not a factor in write-on scoring. Please contact your journal of interest for their particular write-on rules.

Students who wish to participate in the write-on competition must attend fall orientation (see below), at which time more information will be provided. **Participation in the writing competition is a prerequisite to participation in the fall write-on competition.**

***** Northwestern University Law Review Fall Write-On Competition is ONLY open to transfer students.*****

FALL ORIENTATION

Each journal requires that its new members and write-on candidates return to campus to participate in a series of **mandatory orientation meetings** before the fall semester begins on September 2, 2008. It is most likely that these orientations will be held concurrently, though not conflicting, with the OCI period of August 11-22, 2008. **Students who accept membership offers MUST attend orientation.**

Each journal will provide more information at the time it extends offers.

ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION

This packet, along with other information mentioned in Orientation, will be available on the Law Review website at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/journals/lawreview/members.html>.