



COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Transfer Student  
Journal Application  
Process

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**Journals at Columbia Law School  
2019-20 Academic Year**

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## Columbia Law School Transfer Journal Application Process Overview

Being a member of a scholarly legal journal at Columbia is a unique and exciting academic experience. Below you will find descriptions of the thirteen journals that are accepting applications from transfer students for staff positions through a centralized ranking process on Columbia's [LawNet](#) system.

**Please note that the *Columbia Law Review* application process is separate from the process described in this document. It will occur earlier in July than this process, and students will know whether they have been invited to join the *Law Review* in advance of the deadline for submitting applications for the other journals.**

The centralized system on LawNet will open at **12pm EDT on Tuesday, July 16, 2019**. In order to access LawNet you will first need to activate your LawNet ID [here](#). It will take approximately two business days from the time you submit your deposit until the system grants you access. All students applying for journals must complete their applications and rankings on [LawNet](#) by **Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 12pm EDT**. Late submissions cannot be accepted for this application process. However, transfer students who do not apply or are not accepted onto a journal during this process will have the chance to apply to journals that choose to participate in the LLM application process in August.

If you are accepted to a journal during the transfer process, you will be notified by that journal by the end of the day on Monday, July 29. Please note that by ranking a journal, you are making a commitment to join if accepted. If you encounter any technical difficulties accessing the application on LawNet, you should contact [helpdesk@law.columbia.edu](mailto:helpdesk@law.columbia.edu). Questions related to a specific journal should be addressed to that journal via the contact information provided below and on [LawNet](#). If you have any other questions related to the application and selection process, feel free to email Jordan Carr in Student Services at [jc5136@columbia.edu](mailto:jc5136@columbia.edu).

### Email Addresses for Participating Journals

	Journal	Email Contact
1	The American Review of International Arbitration	aria@law.columbia.edu
2	Columbia Journal of Asian Law	jrnasian@law.columbia.edu
3	Columbia Business Law Review	cblr@law.columbia.edu
4	Columbia Journal of European Law	cjel@law.columbia.edu
5	Columbia Journal of Environmental Law	jrnenv@law.columbia.edu
6	Columbia Human Rights Law Review	jrnhum@law.columbia.edu
7	Columbia Journal of Gender and Law	jrngen@law.columbia.edu
8	Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts	editor@lawandarts.org
9	Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems	columbia.jlsp@gmail.com
10	Columbia Journal of Race and Law	cjrl@law.columbia.edu
11	Columbia Science and Technology Law Review	columbiastlr@gmail.com
12	Columbia Journal of Tax Law	TaxJournal@law.columbia.edu
13	Columbia Journal of Transnational Law	jtl@law.columbia.edu

## LawNet Application System

By **Tuesday, July 23 at 12pm EDT**, please submit the materials required by each journal and your rankings on [LawNet](#). Once you sign in to [LawNet](#), please follow these instructions to access the application page:

1. Log in.
2. Click on the “My Services” tab at the top of the page.
3. Click on “Journals” and read the instructions on the Journals page, which also contains links to each journal’s website and contact information for each journal.
4. Click on “Apply to Journals” to register and apply to particular journals.
5. Follow the instructions on the side of the page to upload your application materials for each journal, submit your applications, make any changes to applications, and submit your rankings by **Tuesday, July 23 at 12pm EDT**.

## Application Materials

Please make sure that your registration number (which you will receive on [LawNet](#)) is included on each document you submit, and that the documents **DO NOT CONTAIN YOUR NAME**. Each journal requires some or all of the following materials and information:

1. A personal statement or statement of interest (500 words maximum) that gives the journal a sense of (1) who you are and (2) why you would like to join that journal.
2. A resume.
3. A law transcript. **Transfer students should attach their transcripts (with their names removed) to the end of their resumes and upload them as one document under the “Resume” field. Please also check the box giving the journals your consent to access your transcript.**
4. A legal writing sample.
5. The foreign languages that you speak.
6. In the case of some journals, whether you have any interest in serving as an Editorial Board member on the journal.

## Rankings

Please rank your membership preference among the journals listed on [LawNet](#). The journal “matching” process is based upon your rankings of the journals, the journals’ rankings of applicants, and the number of available spots on each journal. We strongly encourage you to rank as many journals as possible, and ideally all journals, to maximize your chances of matching with a journal, particularly since some journals have only a very small number of available spots.

Comparison of Columbia Law School Journals	Volumes Per Year	Pages Per Year (Average)	On-line version	Weekly time commitment	Note Requirement	Year Founded
American Review of International Arbitration	4	Varies	No	Varies	No	1991
Journal of Asian Law	2	400	No	2-5 hours	No	1987
Columbia Business Law Review	3	1200	Yes	~4-7 hours	Yes	1986
Journal of European Law	3	~600	Yes	~3 hours	No	1994
Journal of Environmental Law	2	~540	Yes	3-4 hours	No	1972
Human Rights Law Review	3	800-1000	Yes	8-10 hours	Yes	1968
Journal of Gender + Law	3	500	No	3-4 hours	No	1991
Journal of Law + the Arts	4	500-600	Yes	2-5 hours	No	1975
Journal of Law + Social Problems	4	~750	Yes	3-4 hours	Yes	1965
Columbia Law Review	8	2400	Yes	16-24 hours	Yes	1901
Journal of Race and Law	2	~500	Yes	3-5 hours	Yes	2010
Science and Technology Law Review	2	500	Yes	2-5 hours	No	1998
Journal of Tax Law	2	400-500	Yes	2-5 hours	No	2009
Journal of Transnational Law	3	1000	Yes	4-6 hours	Yes	1961
Note: Journals without a note requirement may nevertheless invite note submissions. Please read each journal's individual requirements on their handbook page(s).						

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Transfer Application Process: July 16 - July 23	Personal Statement/ Statement of Interest	Resume	Writing Sample	Transcript	Languages Spoken	Interest in Being 2L Editorial Board Member
American Review of International Arbitration	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes	Optional	No
Journal of Asian Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes
Columbia Business Law Review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Journal of European Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Journal of Environmental Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Human Rights Law Review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	No
Journal of Gender + Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Optional	No
Journal of Law + the Arts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Journal of Law + Social Problems	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Journal of Race and Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Science and Technology Law Review	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Journal of Tax Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Journal of Transnational Law	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	No
<p><b>PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS CONTAIN YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM LAWNET, AND THAT YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THEM.</b></p>						
<p>NB: The Law <i>Review</i> conducts its own, separate application process for transfer students.</p>						



# THE AMERICAN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

## ABOUT ARIA

[\*The American Review of International Arbitration\*](#) (*ARIA*) is a quarterly law review that publishes scholarly articles, commentaries, case notes, and other works relating to international arbitration. It is one of the leading publications in the field globally and the only publication of its kind in the United States. International arbitration itself is a dynamic practice area of significant, ever-increasing importance as the need for resolving disputes grows in the expanding global economy.

## EXPERIENCE

*ARIA* student editors gain familiarity with international arbitration and take an active role in promoting and managing the journal. They learn from the most renowned international arbitration practitioners and scholars about an increasingly significant and diverse area of law. The robust and evolving nature of international arbitration means that student editors are exposed to a vast range of legal topics across domestic and international jurisdictions. Recent publications have included topics on investment treaty and international commercial disputes, intellectual property law, and human rights law.

Through their participation in *ARIA*, student editors improve their proficiency in reviewing legal citations for both domestic and international jurisdictions, enhance their editing and writing skills, and distinguish themselves to employers by becoming familiar with diverse legal regimes and court systems. At the end of the year, student editors receive recognition and awards for exceptional production work. *ARIA* has also reserved two editorial board positions for second-year students interested in assuming a more substantive role as either an Articles Editor or a Notes Editor.

Further, writing a note is optional. Nevertheless, we encourage our student editors to write a note and/or a book review, either individually or with a co-author. Students writing a note receive assistance with creating a writing schedule, choosing topics, and editing drafts. *ARIA* also offers its student editors the option of having their work supervised by Professor Kabir Duggal, a renowned practitioner and Columbia Law professor, giving students the opportunity to receive invaluable feedback on their legal research and writing. The student with the best note submission will be awarded the George A. Bermann Writing Prize.

Finally, *ARIA* prides itself on cultivating a collegial atmosphere among its members, wherein students from across the world have the opportunity to collaborate in the context of a law review with

a truly global scale. *ARLA* hosts several social events throughout the year on campus and at local restaurants and bars to celebrate the publication of each issue.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**EDITORIAL:** Student editors are assigned a subsection of footnotes per article or note and collaborate with an Articles Editor or a Notes Editors to proofread, gather sources, review citations, make substantive edits, and/or complete other tasks necessary to finalize submissions for publication.

**ONLINE BLOG:** Each student editor will publish at least one blog post on *ARLA*'s website and receive the necessary editorial support throughout the writing process. Blog post topics are open. Past examples include analysis of recent arbitral awards, discussion of developments in international courts and arbitral institutions, and examination of other advancements relating to arbitration.

### **APPLICATION**

If you are interested in working as an *ARLA* student editor, please submit your application through LawNet and include the following documents:

- Resume
- Transcript
- Statement of Interest (one page maximum; please indicate if you would like to be considered for an Articles Editor or a Notes Editor position)
- Writing Sample (moot court brief, the Law Review Writing Component, or other piece of legal writing will suffice)

### **CONTACT**

If you have a particular interest in arbitration, in *ARLA*, or any general questions, you may contact Professor Kabir Duggal ([kduggal@law.columbia.edu](mailto:kduggal@law.columbia.edu)) or Editor-in-Chief Jean Lambert ([jean.lambert@columbia.edu](mailto:jean.lambert@columbia.edu)). To learn more, please visit *ARLA*'s website at [aria.law.columbia.edu](http://aria.law.columbia.edu).

#### **Required Application Materials Summary**

Resume, Transcript, Statement of Interest, and Writing Sample

**All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS.**

**Include ONLY your LawNet Registration Number for identification.**



# COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF ASIAN LAW

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The *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* is the premier forum in the United States for analysis of Asia's rapidly developing legal regimes. The Journal is consistently ranked as the top journal in the field, and attracts original articles by legal academics, practitioners, and government officials from across the world. The Journal also receives student-written notes on salient topics relevant to Asian laws and legal regimes.

## Articles

The common thread tying our scholarship together is a geographical focus on the legal and political systems of the countries in Asia. Articles in recent years have encompassed China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Cambodia, and India within that broad regional category. This geographical emphasis allows us to publish on a wide range of practice areas, including: labor law, constitutional law, corporate law, intellectual and real property law, human rights law, and criminal law, among others.

## Notes

The Journal publishes an average of one note per year. We accept submissions from non-members but give preference for publication to members of the Journal. Writing a note is *optional*. Topics covered by recent notes include the intersection of human rights and intellectual property law in Vietnam, human trafficking in Asia, and Taiwan's relationship with the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

## Responsibilities

Staff editors work with a team to gather sources, check citations, edit style, and carry out other tasks necessary to prepare submissions for publication. For those interested in taking on additional responsibility, we offer a limited number of editorial board positions as articles editors to second-year students. Articles editors oversee a team of staff editors and work closely with authors during the editing process.

## Benefits

Working on CJAL strengthens your command in legal citations and hones your attention to detail, which signals to employers your writing and editing abilities. Due to our lean staffing, CJAL allows its editors to take full ownership of the articles assigned to them. Editors are thus able to work closely with leading academics, practitioners, and government officials in the swiftly expanding Asian legal field.

## Application

Applicants should submit the following materials on LawNet: a resume, a personal statement (maximum one page), a transcript, a legal writing sample (i.e. a moot court brief or the writing component essay), and your Asian language abilities (if applicable). We value Asian language ability, but it is *not* required for membership. If you would like to be considered for an articles editor position, please indicate your interest on your application. The selection process for articles editors will be conducted at the end of summer.

## Contact information

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[jrnasian@law.columbia.edu](mailto:jrnasian@law.columbia.edu)

## Website:

<http://cjal.columbia.edu/>

### **Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)**

Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample (Optional), 2L Arts. Ed. Interest, Language Spoken (Optional)

**All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.**



# Columbia Business Law Review

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## **BACKGROUND**

Celebrating its 33<sup>rd</sup> year in 2018–19, the *Columbia Business Law Review* (*CBLR*) was the first legal periodical at a national law school to be devoted solely to the publication of articles focusing on the interaction of the legal profession and the business community. It is one of the top-ranked business law journals in the world in terms of overall impact and citations and is widely recognized as one of the most important publications in the field.

*CBLR* publishes articles written by legal scholars and practitioners as well as Notes written by staff members that relate to *all* aspects of business law and thus cover a wide range of topics such as antitrust, intellectual property, financial regulation, corporate governance, technological innovation, and nonprofit organizations. *CBLR* is devoted to publishing contemporary, important articles that contribute to business law scholarship in ways relevant to practitioners and academics alike. Recent authors include: leading Warren Buffet expert Lawrence A. Cunningham; leading European Antitrust practitioner Jean-François Bellis; Co-Director of the Richman Center for Business, Law & Public Policy and Columbia Law School Professor Jeffrey N. Gordon; Delaware Chancellor William B. Chandler III; and SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson, Jr.

*CBLR* publishes three issues a year and involves 2L staff members in all aspects of the editorial production. *CBLR* is edited and managed entirely by Columbia Law School students, and is self-funded through its broad subscription base and donations from alumni and law firms. *CBLR*'s history and success allow it to be among the few subject-focused journals which publish both print and online volumes.

## **MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

*CBLR*'s goal is to expose staff members to the many different facets of business law, develop their writing, technical, and editing skills, and provide opportunities to interact, network, and collaborate with leading scholars and practitioners in the field.

### **Editing Assignments**

*CBLR* maintains the academic rigor and quality of the journal with the help of its 2L staff members. Each staff member has editorial responsibility for assigned parts of an Article or Note in each of the three issues published each school year. Editorial work is episodic, so 2L staff members will alternate between little or no editing duties and more demanding assignments. The hard work and persistent enthusiasm of our staff contribute to the journal's worldwide reputation for excellence.

## Writing Requirements

*CBLR* runs a robust writing program which affords significant opportunities for publication. Staff members are required to research and write a Note suitable for *CBLR* publication. Authoring a Note provides a valuable opportunity to work closely with a faculty advisor to develop a substantive piece of legal scholarship that may be published. *CBLR* matches 2L staff members with 3L Note Editors who help members select their Note topics, focus their research, and edit their work. Participation in the Note writing process also fulfills Columbia Law School's Major Writing Requirement, and may be completed in connection with a seminar paper or independent research work. Alternatively, staff members may meet the Note requirement by serving as an Editorial Assistant, who works on editing and managerial assignments under the supervision of the Editorial Board.

In addition, each staff member writes one or two short blog posts that are published on *CBLR Online* at some point during the academic year. Posts may provide analysis on recent news relating to business law, commentary on published works, predictions about current issues in the field, or a response to another online post, such as one from the *Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog*. *CBLR Online* blog posts that are especially well-written and insightful may be selected for publication by the *Blue Sky Blog* as well.

Both of these writing requirements provide staff members with opportunities to attract broader media attention. For example, recent *CBLR* student Notes and blog posts have been cited by *The Washington Post* and *The Volokh Conspiracy* legal blog.

## Staff Development

*CBLR* offers its staff a broad array of social and career events to help students develop professionally. For career guidance, *CBLR* helps to connect 3Ls and new 2L staff members to help with final round interviews during EIP and organizes a pre-EIP panel and mentorship program to dispense ongoing advice throughout the year. Moreover, *CBLR* staff members benefit from the journal's close ties to major law firms at various firm-sponsored events throughout the year.

To encourage staff cohesiveness and enhance the journal experience, *CBLR* sponsors editorial team dinners, staff happy hours and other events. Events from past years included a Korean fried chicken outing and a bar crawl of Morningside Heights. Finally, *CBLR* also organizes an end-of-the-year reception to celebrate the journal's accomplishments and allow staff members to meet the journal's board of directors and alumni.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

*CBLR* applicants should submit their applications online via LawNet. Applications must include the following materials:

- **First-Year Grades**
- **Resume**
- **Statement of Interest (maximum of one single-spaced page):** Please tell us about yourself and explain your interest in *CBLR*, which may include anything ranging from relevant past experiences to potential Note topics. Specific interest is valued highly.
- **Writing Sample:** You may submit the Law Review Writing Component, your Moot Court brief, or other equivalent legal writing with Bluebooking.

## CONTACT US

To find out more information about the *Columbia Business Law Review*, please visit our website at [www.cblr.org](http://www.cblr.org).

Please also feel free to contact **Editor-in-Chief Mackenzie Humble** ([meh2249@columbia.edu](mailto:meh2249@columbia.edu)) or **Executive Editor Jonathan Trebble-Greening** ([jlt2186@columbia.edu](mailto:jlt2186@columbia.edu))

**Required Application Materials Summary** (*read above for details*)

Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest, Writing Sample

All application materials **MUST BE ANONYMOUS**. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.

# COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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Columbia Law School Rising 2Ls:

*Interested in constitutional, property, international, or corporate law? Natural resources, environmental protection, ecology, economics, politics, legislation, human rights, public health, urban studies or real estate? These are just a few of the areas covered in the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law.*

## Who are we?

CJEL was founded in 1972 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. We are one of the nation's oldest and most preeminent environmental law journals. We have a reputation for publishing innovative scholarship on emerging areas of environmental law, and our articles have substantially influenced the law's development. CJEL is read and cited by numerous judges, scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers, and we have significant international readership.

## What do we do?

We publish two print issues per year, plus an online symposium issue. CJEL is looking for 2L members who are enthusiastic about our work and committed to doing what it takes to get the job done right.

## Why should you join?

Aside from our focus on environmental law, the prestige of the journal, and the broad array of experiences we offer, you might be interested to know that:

- Since we publish two (and a half) issues per year, our cite-checking assignments are manageable.
- Staffers interested in taking on more responsibility will have opportunities to get involved in the article selection, substantive editing, and/or production processes.
- Our note publication program is *voluntary* and based entirely on your own interest. This ensures that all staffers who commit to writing a note get substantial guidance and encouragement throughout the editorial process.
- Our staffers have direct contact with environmental law practitioners working at law firms, environmental organizations, and government agencies. However, we do *not* require prior knowledge of or experience in environmental law.

## Questions?

Please feel free to contact Editor-in-Chief Michael Bloom (mrb2266@columbia.edu) if you would like to discuss the journal in more detail.

## Application Requirements

Please provide the following:

- **Personal Statement.** Tell us about yourself and tell us what interests you about CJEL. We strongly weigh personal statements and to that end, one that addresses your interests in CJEL in particular is recommended. One to two double-spaced pages is sufficient.
- **Writing Sample.** You can use the Law Review Writing Component, your Moot Court argument section, or any other equivalent piece of legal writing.
- **Resume.**
- **First Year Grades.**

Applications should be submitted on LawNet. Good luck - we look forward to hearing from you.

***Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)***

Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample

**All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only**

## THE COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN LAW

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Now heading into its 26th year, the *Columbia Journal of European Law (CJEL)* is the most cited European law journal in the world and is ranked among the top five foreign and civil law journals in the country. *CJEL* is committed to publishing and promoting the highest caliber European legal scholarship, and its critical contributions to the field, spanning a diverse array of legal disciplines, render it one of the most dynamic journals at Columbia Law School.

### PUBLICATION

Columbia students are entirely responsible for *CJEL*'s publication. *CJEL* is published under the auspices of Columbia's *European Legal Studies Center* with the guidance of Professors George A. Bermann and Anu Bradford.

*CJEL* publishes three issues per year and contains articles exploring every facet of European law. This includes EU-wide legal issues, law at the national level, and broader jurisprudential questions relevant to the development of law and legal institutions across Europe. The articles we publish, authored by leading academics and practitioners, cover a range of scholarship, from business law to human rights.

### STAFFER EXPERIENCE

*CJEL* staffers are exposed to timely legal issues affecting Europe, the United States, and beyond. **No prior background in European Law is required.** At *CJEL*, we place a high value in ensuring each year's cohort represents a diversity of backgrounds and opinions. *CJEL* staffers are furnished with strong comparative perspective, and are better positioned to tackle the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world. The board of *CJEL* is committed to fostering an engaging collaborative work environment that is rich with opportunities for growth and leadership. *CJEL* is a one-year commitment with opportunities to continue as a board member for a second year.

*CJEL* is unique because it offers select incoming members a chance to prove themselves in leadership positions. A handful of positions on the board — including, Managing Editor and Articles Editor — are held open for individuals who are new to the journal. Board membership requires a more substantial commitment to the journal than a staffer; due to the additional time commitment required, 2 credits are available to all individuals serving on the board.

Managing Editors must have an excellent command of bluebooking and good time management skills. Articles Editors must have an interest in European Law and excellent above-the-line editing skills. Both roles are supervisory positions and will require coordination between staffers, the Head Articles Editor and the Head Managing Editor. This honor will in no way preclude the students from consideration for board positions in their next year; indeed, early board membership will be a benefit for those students who are interested in taking on the role of EIC, HAE or HME in their final year.

Staffers are assigned to one article per issue and are responsible for gathering sources and editing citations. Staffers are also encouraged to make substantive edits to the article to which they are assigned.

- Writing a note is **not mandatory**, but we encourage staffers to do so through our internal note competition. Those selected will be published in print. Those notes not selected for print may be chosen for publication online, on our *Preliminary Reference* blog.
- Staffers have the opportunity to produce one small article (5-8 pages) for publication on our *Preliminary Reference* blog. Staffers will submit topics at the beginning of the semester and receive editing support as they draft the short essay. They will receive full credit for the article on our *Preliminary Reference* blog.
- We host regular social events at local bars and restaurants.
- We are committed to a global vision of legal education. We therefore hold certain Board positions open to those who go abroad during their 3L year.
- We plan to strengthen our links with international law firms and hold careers events to benefit those who are interested in having a global career.
- We also offer a mentorship program whereby a LLM student and a JD student will be matched together. This promotes cultural exchange and is an excellent resource each student if they are looking to build their overseas professional network.

#### **APPLICATION TO *CJEL***

To apply, please submit the following materials on LawNet:

- **Résumé**
- **Writing sample.** This may be any class paper, essay, moot court brief, or similar piece of legal analysis or scholarship. Maximum six (6) pages, single spaced.
- **Unofficial transcript** (current to the date of application). Transcripts will be reviewed confidentially by the Editor-in-Chief.
- **Statement of interest in *CJEL*** (maximum one page). While not essential for selection, please include any relevant experience you have in European Law. Please indicate interest, if any, in the Board Positions being held open for new applicants.
- **Board position:** We are holding open an Articles Editor Position and Managing Editor position for incoming 2Ls or LLM students. If needed, additional interviews will be conducted after all staffer positions are assigned (in July).

We consider all elements of your application with equal weight in making our decision.

***Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)***  
 Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest, Writing Sample  
**All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.**

For more information, please contact Mitra Yazdi, *CJEL* Editor-in-Chief for 2019-2020, at mvy2104@columbia.edu.



**THE JOURNAL:**

The *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law* (JGL) is edited and published entirely by students at the Columbia University School of Law. The Journal publishes interdisciplinary works rooted in inclusive feminist inquiry with the aim of promoting dialogue, debate, and awareness that will broaden the very concept of feminism as one that critically engages multiple and varied forms of social hierarchy and power differentials, and the way both relate to the law. In publishing JGL, our goals are to advance feminist scholarship at the law school and to serve as an outlet for interested students and faculty members.

**PUBLICATION:**

*JGL* is one of the foremost journals on gender and law and has published works by prominent scholars, including the Honorable Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, Patricia J. Williams, Fedwa Malti-Douglas, Yxta Maya Murray, Katherine Franke, Martha Nussbaum, and Martha Davis. *JGL* is open to law-related articles from other academic disciplines in order to explore the intersections between law and psychology, history, religion, political science, literature, and/or sociology, among others. Each year we publish two regular issues, plus a Symposium issue.

**MEMBERSHIP IN JGL:**

*JGL* is unique among Columbia journals because of its structure as a non-hierarchical, consensus-based organization. *JGL* staff members are integral contributors in every aspect of the Journal, and participate in the editorial process. During the substantive edits process the Journal holds regular meetings, which are designed to promote internal debate and discussion. All members are encouraged to contribute their views. At these mandatory meetings, the entire Journal membership meets to discuss accepted articles, coordinate production work, and discuss other journal business. On weeks when we do not meet as an entire staff, members work in smaller article-editing groups editing their articles. Each article-editing group works on one article per semester from acceptance to publication, and as a result every staffer has the opportunity to suggest substantive revisions, edit content and make technical changes. These weekly meetings ensure that *JGL* staffers interact with each other on a regular basis, fostering a sense of community that is unique among Columbia journals.

**NOTES:**

We strongly encourage students to write and submit Notes, but writing a Note is not mandatory. There is a Notes Editors on *JGL*'s Executive Board who can provide extensive guidance and assistance during the process. Further, *JGL* has an Advisory Board comprised of many members of the faculty who are knowledgeable about gender's intersection with different fields of law and are willing to serve as advisers for staffers who do choose to write Notes. As part of our non-hierarchical structure, we publish student-written Notes as articles and do not distinguish them from works by professors.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

In keeping with our non-competitive philosophy, we do not require students to submit their transcripts. Instead, we require only a personal statement, writing sample, and resume. Applications should be submitted on LawNet and should include a one-page personal statement expressing your interest and commitment to *JGL*, a 5-10 page writing sample (this may be your piece for the writing component or any other legal writing you have done), and a resume. Please contact the editor-in-chief, Christen Hammock, at [ceh2197@columbia.edu](mailto:ceh2197@columbia.edu) with any questions or concerns.

***Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details) - Include LawNet Reg. No., Not Name***

Resume, Personal Statement, Writing Sample

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## COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW

The *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* is unique among Columbia's law journals in that it combines advocacy with legal scholarship. In addition to three issues of the journal per year, *HRLR* publishes and sells *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*. Staff editors are involved in every aspect of the production and publication of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* and *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*. As such, every member of the *HRLR* team is given an opportunity to develop practical and professional skills while contributing substantially to the advancement of human rights. This year, staff editors will have the option of exclusively working on *JLM* or *HRLR* assignments throughout the year as part of dedicated *JLM*- or *HRLR*-clusters. However, a select number of staff editors will contribute to both *HRLR* and the *JLM*, simultaneously gaining exposure to the academic and practical aspects of human rights work. Please note that all staff editors will have the option of writing a note or working on a *JLM* chapter, regardless of whether they choose to work on both *HRLR* and *JLM* or *JLM* exclusively.

### THE JOURNAL

Not only was the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* (*HRLR*) the first law journal dedicated to addressing fundamental questions related to human welfare and dignity, it remains the finest—*HRLR* is the highest ranked human rights law journal in the world. *HRLR* publishes both professional articles and student notes that focus on domestic and international human rights. Due to *HRLR*'s expansive view of human rights, our articles cover a wide range of topics and are considered a valuable resource for academics and practitioners alike. In both journal articles and court decisions, *HRLR* is the most-cited human rights journal. More judges have cited to the *HRLR* than to any other specialized law journal at Columbia in the past two decades.

*HRLR* has published works by prominent authors, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Amal Clooney, Marvin E. Frankel, Arthur C. Helton, Louis Henkin, Michael Posner, Mary Robinson, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Jack Greenberg. In addition, *HRLR* enjoys a wide circulation—our subscribers are individuals, institutions, human rights organizations, and libraries in over forty countries. *HRLR* also runs the Trump Tracker, an online tool documenting President Trump's actions and their human rights implications. By virtue of both the quality and breadth of its articles, and the wide audience that is reached, the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* makes a truly profound contribution to the field of human rights.

### A JAILHOUSE LAWYER'S MANUAL

*A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* (*JLM*), first published by the *HRLR* staff in 1978, is a nationally renowned legal resource that assists prisoners with navigating the U.S. legal system. The *JLM* is unique among law school journals in that rather than an academic publication, it is a practical handbook designed to inform prisoners—many of whom have no access to legal assistance—how best to enforce their rights. The *JLM* has over forty chapters covering subjects such as how to bring a § 1983 action, the right to be free from assault in prison, and special issues for prisoners with disabilities. The *HRLR* staff publishes the main *JLM* once every three years, and delivers more than one thousand manuals per year to prisoners, institutions, libraries, and legal

practitioners. This year, *HRLR* staff will publish *JLM* state supplements for prisoners and continue to update the Spanish *JLM* as part of an ongoing initiative to expand prisoners' access to the *JLM*.

In 1992, Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, wrote a foreword to the *JLM*. Recognizing its importance to prisoners and the legal community, Justice Marshall wrote: "By making difficult and sensitive legal issues accessible to the lay person, the manual helps to empower prisoners to exercise a right we, as a society, hold dear—the right to speak for oneself. I commend Columbia's law students for publishing so comprehensive and insightful a manual. *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* should be read by everyone involved in, or concerned about, prisoners' rights."

## SECOND-YEAR STAFF EDITORS

*Writing Requirement* – All *HRLR* staff editors, including the dedicated *JLM*-only staff editors, must fulfill a mandatory writing requirement by either developing an original note or working on substantive additions and changes to the *JLM*. Third-year editors will individually assist every staff member to complete this project. For those who choose to write a note, each note will be considered for publication in *HRLR*. We publish six student notes every year. Those notes that are not published may be considered for *HRLR*'s online component, *HRLR Online*.

*Weekly Assignments* – Each week, *HRLR* staff editors will complete one assignment on behalf of one of our publications. The staff editors who apply to be dedicated *HRLR*-only or *JLM*-only staff editors will work exclusively on that publication throughout the year. A select cohort of staff editors will work on both publications (*HRLR* and *JLM*) throughout the year. The substantive production work done by our staff editors is critical to maintaining publications of our caliber. Assignments can include tasks such as substantive editing, checking citations, proofreading, and working in the *JLM* office.

*HRLR Online* – In addition, each staff member will have the optional opportunity to determine content for one short blog post for *HRLR Online*. This can include either authoring a piece (e.g. analyzing recent news implicating human rights law, commenting or responding to published works, etc.) or finding content to publish (e.g. interviews with human rights attorneys, speeches and lectures given by human rights attorneys, etc.).

*Staff Development* – *HRLR* also provides its staff members with a rich human rights and social-justice-oriented community. *HRLR* members enjoy visits from our contributing authors, participate in human rights service activities, and have opportunities to communicate with prisoners as they navigate the legal system. We also believe in strong mentorship. Each 2L staffer will each receive a 3L mentor who will provide advice and guidance throughout the year. 3Ls will host panel discussions regarding employment, clerkships, note writing, and careers in human rights.

## HOW TO APPLY

All applications should be submitted on LawNet. Required application materials are listed below. **Your name should not appear on any of the documents you submit.**

### Application Materials

- (a) Provide Your Preference: Please include a line immediately preceding your statement of interest ranking the following staff editor cohorts in your order of preference, 1 being most favored and 3 being least favored: *HRLR*-exclusive staffer, *JLM*-exclusive staffer, *HRLR+JLM* staffer.
- (b) Statement of Interest: Your statement of interest should be 400–750 words. As part of this statement, please tell us why you want to serve on the *Human Rights Law Review*. Additional topics you

may wish to highlight: any relevant writing, editing, or Blue Book experience that you will bring to *HRLR* and the *JLM*, language fluency that will allow you to understand and cite-check foreign sources, and your specific areas of interest in human rights, civil rights, or prisoners' rights. If you are interested in working on the Spanish *JLM*, please include a sentence noting your language abilities and interest. For these purposes, Spanish fluency means that you can produce clear, detailed Spanish translations on complicated legal topics.

- (c) Legal Writing Sample: Please submit the argument section of your moot court or 1L brief. Please include the question addressed by your argument section. Writing samples will be evaluated on grammar, writing style and organization, and consistency and correctness of citation.
- (d) Language Fluency: If you have proficiency in a foreign language, please indicate this on Lawnet even if you have written about your language skills in the Statement of Interest. This is especially important if you have Spanish fluency and would like to work on the Spanish *JLM*.
- (e) Resume: Your resume should be one page. You must remove your name.
- (f) Grades: You must release your grades on Lawnet.

## QUESTIONS

For information about *HRLR*'s application and staff responsibilities, contact Tyler Anne Lee, Executive Editor, at [tal2144@columbia.edu](mailto:tal2144@columbia.edu). For general information about *HRLR* or the *JLM*, contact Will Wilder, Editor-in-Chief, at [wpw2108@columbia.edu](mailto:wpw2108@columbia.edu). For specific information regarding the *JLM*, contact Caleb King, *JLM* Editor-in-Chief, at [cbk2128@columbia.edu](mailto:cbk2128@columbia.edu). You can also visit our website, <http://hrlr.law.columbia.edu>, to learn more about *HRLR* and the *JLM*.

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# THE COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF **LAW** *the* **ARTS**

The *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts* is a storied and preeminent journal dedicated to timely and in-depth coverage of legal issues involving the art, entertainment, sports, intellectual property, and communications industries. Founded in 1975, the Journal is one of the most-cited periodicals devoted to arts law issues and features contributions by scholars, judges, practitioners, critics, and students.

The *Journal of Law & the Arts* covers many fields—published pieces have addressed topics including fine arts, music, theater, film, arts funding, sports, computer software, copyright, trademark, patent, unfair competition, antitrust, labor, contracts, rights of publicity, right of privacy, cultural property, arbitration, bankruptcy, First Amendment, and not-for-profit. The Journal also hosts an annual Symposium with the Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts, and publishes Columbia’s annual Horace S. Manges Lecture. The Journal is managed entirely by Columbia law students.

## **SECOND-YEAR STAFFER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. **NOTE PROGRAM:** The Journal runs its own student Note program administered by the Journal’s Executive Notes Editor in conjunction with the Articles and Notes Editors. This (optional) program offers students an excellent opportunity to be published. The Journal publishes four to six Notes each year, and up to two Notes per issue. Participation in the Journal’s Note program can be used to satisfy a major/minor writing credit and can potentially earn students additional academic credit. The Andrew D. Fried Memorial Prize is awarded each year to the best student Note published by the Journal.
2. **EDITORIAL WORK:** Staffers will be part of a team led by an Articles Editor, who will periodically assign staffers cite checking, proofreading, substantive editing, and other production tasks. This commitment amounts to approximately six to ten hours of editorial work for each of the four published issues. Staffers may assist with the annual Kernochan Symposium in the fall semester in return for reduced editorial work.
3. **ONLINE BLOG:** Each staffer contributes at least one post to the Journal’s online blog. Staffers can either write commentary about a recent judicial or legislative development related to the fields that the Journal covers, or criticism of a book, TV show, film, play, or other cultural product related to the law.

In return for participation on the Journal, as with other journals, staffers will receive a notation on their transcripts. In addition, staffers regularly receive press invitations to New York cultural events, such as gallery openings, movies, and lectures. Finally, the Journal sponsors both social and professional events offering staffers the opportunity to network with alumni and other practitioners in the field.

Learn more by visiting *JLA*’s website at <http://www.lawandarts.org>. For additional questions, please contact Rachel Horn (Editor-in-Chief) at [rsh2148@columbia.edu](mailto:rsh2148@columbia.edu).

**EXAMPLES OF NOTES PUBLISHED BY JLA IN RECENT YEARS:**

- Selling the Artist, Not the Art: Using Personal Brand Concepts To Reform Copyright Law for the Social Media Age
- Burdens of the Dead: Postmortem Right of Publicity Statutes and the Dormant Commerce Clause
- Sherlock Holmes and Newt Scamander: Incorporating Protected Nonlinear Character Delineation into Derivative Works
- “You Be the Judge”: An Analysis of the College Art Association’s Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts
- Turning Fantasy into Regulatory Reality: A New Approach to Daily Fantasy Sports Law
- Robots, Pirates, and the Rise of the Automated Takedown Regime: Using the DMCA to Fight Privacy and Protect End-Users
- Is Music the Next eBooks? An Antitrust Analysis of Apple’s Conduct in the Music Industry

**REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:**

1. Legal Writing Sample: Please submit one of the following: an open legal memorandum, a moot court brief or excerpt, or a similar, Bluebooked legal writing sample of no more than 20 pages. The writing sample should be your own work; if you are submitting a brief to which another person contributed, please submit only the portion of the argument for which you were responsible, as well as any facts or stipulations necessary to understand the argument. The Law Review writing component will not be accepted.
2. Personal Statement: 500 words or fewer, describing your interest in the *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts* and any relevant experiences you have had related to the fields covered by the Journal.
3. Current Resume (with your name and any identifying information, such as email, deleted).
4. First Year Grades.

Applications may be submitted on Lawnet. ***Your name should not appear anywhere on any of the documents you submit.***

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# JOURNAL OF LAW & SOCIAL PROBLEMS

## Why join JLSP?

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- *JLSP* only publishes scholarship **written by students**. This means:
  - Members have an **excellent chance of being published**. *JLSP* publishes 10-15 Notes each year out of those written by the approximately 25-30 2L staff members.
  - **Editors and authors work closely together** throughout the Note-writing process. As an author, this system gives you a great deal of support throughout the process. As an editor, you'll never find yourself working on a Note written by an unknown or inaccessible professor.
  - Authors cite to mostly electronic sources, making **source-gathering assignments substantially easier**. You will never have to hunt down hard-to-find books available only in non-law libraries. As a *JLSP* staffer, you can do your source-gathering from the comfort of your own home.
  
- *JLSP* is a **general-interest journal**
  - This means that you can **write your Note about any legal issue** and do not have to make a decision until the fall about what area of law you would like to focus on. Additionally, editing assignments will be more varied and expose you to many different topics.
  
- *JLSP* is **impactful**
  - Student scholarship published in *JLSP* has been **cited numerous times by the Supreme Court and federal appellate courts** and has been **cited over 200 times** by various law reviews, journals, and lower courts.
  
- *JLSP* is **committed to the development and future success of staffers**
  - 3L student editors, who make up almost a quarter of the editorial board, **directly help 2Ls with the Note-writing process**. Groups of 2Ls are assigned a student editor based on areas of interest expressed at the beginning of the Note-writing process.
  - A **team-oriented approach** sets the tone for all journal work. All cite-checking and editing assignments are divided among a group of people who help each other through the process. A 3L board member is assigned to supervise the group and act as a resource.



- Note-writing can fulfill the **Major Writing graduation requirement**, and **academic credit** is given for publication as well as for service on the board. Everyone on *JLSP* is required to write a Note as a 2L.
- As **one of the oldest journals at CLS** (we recently **celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with a banquet that brought together alumni and current staffers), *JLSP* has an **extensive network of alumni** who are invested in the continued success of the Journal.

## *What are the responsibilities of a JLSP staff member?*

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- Over the course of the 2L year, journal members write a Note for submission to the *JLSP* board in the spring semester. The Note can be used for major writing credit, seminar credit, and supervised research credit as well. Each 2L is assigned a Note Editor to help them with this process throughout the year, providing feedback on potential topics, an outline, and full drafts.
- 2Ls also help edit the 3L Notes that have been selected for publication. This work comes in cycles. For each issue that 2Ls work on, groups of 2 or 3 will be assigned to one article that they will edit. Most staffers will review the substance of Notes, and all staffers will check accuracy of citations and conformity with Bluebook standards. Throughout this process, an Articles Editor will oversee the substantive review of Notes, and a Managing Editor will supervise citation and Bluebook checking.
- 2L staff members will also have the opportunity to apply for assistant editor positions, where they will help the current editors in the production of *JLSP* or with various other duties, including keeping the journal's office running smoothly and maintaining *JLSP*'s online blog.

## *Examples of Notes published in JLSP in recent years:*

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- Beyond Categorical Exclusions: Access to Transgender Healthcare in State Medicaid Programs
- Access Denied: Data Breach Litigation, Article III Standing, and a Proposed Statutory Solution
- When Fido is Family: How Landlord-Imposed Pet Bans Restrict Access to Housing
- Charter School Jurisprudence and the Democratic Ideal
- Federalism and the Gay Family: Free Movement of Same-Sex Couples in the United States and the European Union
- Drone Regulations and Fourth Amendment Rights: The Interaction of State Drone Statutes and the Reasonable Expectation of Privacy
- Inadequate Access: Reforming Reproductive Health Care Policies for Women Incarcerated in New York State Correctional Facilities
- What You Don't Know Will Kill You: A First Amendment Challenge to Lethal Injection Secrecy
- The Internet of Things and Potential Remedies in Privacy Tort Law

## *The Application Process*

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Applicants will be evaluated based on a **piece of legal writing not more than ten pages in length** (1L briefs and memos are acceptable; however, the Law Review writing competition **will not** be accepted), a **one-page resume**, a **transcript**, and a **one-page statement of interest (single-spaced)**.

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process or *JLSP*, please feel free to contact Malina Welman, Editor-in-Chief, at [mmw2181@columbia.edu](mailto:mmw2181@columbia.edu). We also invite you to check out past issues at our website: [jlsplaw.columbia.edu](http://jlsplaw.columbia.edu).

*We look forward to receiving your applications!*

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## **ABOUT *CJRL***

Established in 2010, the [\*Columbia Journal of Race and Law\*](#) (*CJRL*) is the newest addition to Columbia Law School's rich tradition of scholarly publications. Our mission is to establish a dialogue on historic and contemporary notions of socio-political and legal challenges facing racial and ethnic minorities. We recognize the intersectionality between racial and ethnic groups and other prominent areas of legal discourse and prioritize this dialogue to better understand contemporary issues and new ideas that advance social progress.

*CJRL* seeks to publish articles that make a substantive contribution to issues such as affirmative action, immigration, employment law, community development, criminal justice, political participation, education, and environmental justice. We also seek to broaden the discourse around race, including discussions of ethnic minorities in America and the role of race and ethnicity in conflicts across the globe. *CJRL* is committed to publishing articles that inspire new thought, explore new alternatives and contribute to the current jurisprudence and public policy.

In its first nine years, *CJRL* has become a leader among its peers. *CJRL*'s programming extends the conversation beyond the pages of our journal into conferences, lectures and online discussion portals. We also plan to develop a program that solicits and distributes essays on topics related to race and diversity from practicing attorneys and to develop a dynamic web-based component that includes article discussions, blogs and short essays.

## **WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN**

*CJRL* is committed to bringing issues of race and law to the forefront of legal academia. As a staff editor, you will enhance your legal education while engaging with academic scholarship that explores issues affecting racial justice.

Additionally, *CJRL* offers an intimate and collegial environment that embraces 2L members' input into its future direction. To this end, we have created the Assistant Articles Editor position (see below for more information), so that 2L members have a representative on the Editorial Board.

## **STAFF EDITOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Staff editors assist in all stages of the publication process. They complete source gathering, citation checking and blue-booking assignments for *CJRL* Notes and Articles. Staff editors also critique Notes and Articles and suggest substantive changes for the authors.

## ASSISTANT ARTICLES EDITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Assistant Articles Editors are 2L Editorial Board members who work directly under a Managing Editor in preparing an Article for publication. Assistant Articles Editors serve as the liaison between the Board and staff editors. They also assist the Managing Editor in overseeing and directing a staff editor group. Initially, this role consists of helping to review staff editors' citation checking and blue-booking assignments, but as the year progresses Assistant Articles Editors have the opportunity to take on a greater leadership role in overseeing an Article's publication.

## WRITING REQUIREMENT

In addition to their editorial responsibilities, each staff editor is required to research and write a paper on a topic that relates to race and the law. Staff editors can fulfill this writing requirement by writing a Note or an alternative writing project that meets the Major Writing Requirement.

All staff editors are strongly encouraged to write a Note. *CJRL* employs a structured process that enables staff editors to explore a topic of great interest, while fulfilling their Major Writing Requirement. *CJRL* has Notes Editors whose sole responsibility is to guide staff editors throughout the writing process. This includes assistance in developing a topic, finding a professor to advise the Note and advice on how to structure 2L year in order to maximize the benefits of the writing project. All Notes will be considered for publication.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

**Application:** The application deadline is **Tuesday, July 23rd at 12:00pm EDT.**

Please submit the following via LawNet:

1. Your Moot Court Brief argument section or any other legal writing sample.
2. A personal statement (1-2 pages) describing your specific interest in *CJRL* and any relevant experiences that you feel may assist us in evaluating your application.
3. Your current resume.

If you would like to be considered for an Assistant Articles Editor position, please indicate your interest on your application. The selection process for Assistant Articles Editor will be conducted by the end of summer.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions or concerns about *CJRL*, please contact our board at either [cjrl@law.columbia.edu](mailto:cjrl@law.columbia.edu) or [cjrl.columbia@gmail.com](mailto:cjrl.columbia@gmail.com), or please visit our website at <http://cjrl.columbia.edu>.

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The Columbia  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW

www.stlr.org

The *Columbia Science and Technology Law Review* (STLR) engages thought-provoking issues at the intersection of cutting-edge technology, policy, and the law.

### About STLR

STLR is among the preeminent science and technology law journals in the country. While we are a traditional journal (past authors include Professor Richard A. Merrill and Professor Richard Epstein), our innovative and evolving use of the Web and new media sets us apart. As with every other journal, STLR emphasizes the skills—bluebooking, legal research, and writing—that are critical for law-related employment. Our strengths, however, go beyond these traditional bounds.

We were the first journal at Columbia to run a blog in addition to our journal, and we have had our blog posts published on popular websites such as *Engadget*. We encourage our 2Ls to produce timely commentary on recent legal issues, using our blog as a platform to reach the online legal community immediately. We continue to aggressively seek new outlets for our scholarship so that we can make our work more accessible to lawyers, academics, and students everywhere.

Our goal is to help our authors reach a wide range of readers and to give our 2Ls opportunities to have real impact on the legal community.

### What makes STLR different?

No other journal at Columbia exclusively covers legal issues in science and technology. Each year, the scope of our journal broadens—in our recent Fall 2017 issue, we published articles on law enforcement hacking, tying standard-essential patent rights, and always-listening devices. We often publish articles that explore the implications of technology on traditional legal fields such as contracts, evidence, and tax. For example, past articles have discussed the impact of functional neuroimaging on tort doctrine and have analyzed the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in the context of Internet fraud. Technological change inevitably gives rise to unprecedented legal issues as our social institutions race to adapt. STLR will continue to be at the forefront of those discussions.

Lastly, we prize innovation. We actively seek to redefine what it means to be a law journal in the digital age. For example, we introduced a fully web-based production system that has minimized the administrative overhead involved in producing our journal. This has allowed us to concentrate our efforts on delivering high quality scholarship to our audience directly and immediately. 2019 saw the launch of Columbia's first law review podcast, *STLR Conversations*, available on iTunes, Google Play, and Spotify.

Bottom line: if you are interested in participating in innovative forms of scholarship while still retaining the best attributes of more traditional journals, then STLR will be perfect for you.

### Achievements and Goals

- We are CLS's first Open Access Law Journal. Our license agreements give authors more control over their works, which improves the quality of our submissions and increases the number of citations we receive per article. As print subscriptions to law journals are phased out, we envision most law journals will transition to this format.

- We successfully piloted a program with the Columbia Law Library to create a permanent digital archive of our journal. The library plans to create similar archives for other journals.
- While we have long been leaders in online legal scholarship, we continue to pursue partnerships with widely read technology websites, such as *Engadget*, *Ars Technica*, and *CNET*, thereby allowing our legal scholarship to reach an even wider audience.

### **Do staff members need a technical or science background?**

Staff members do not need a technical or science background—in fact, the majority of our 2016-2017 staff did not. Staff members only need a passion for exploring the novel legal issues relating to technological change. Our staff and board members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, and they all possess skills that are valuable in different ways.

### **What will my responsibilities be as a staff member?**

Your responsibilities as a staffer are twofold: working on the blog or podcast and editing articles. Staff members, when editing, will have traditional journal responsibilities—editing, cite checking, and critiquing journal articles. Staff members, if working on the blog, will research and write blog posts as well as edit other staffers' posts. If working on the podcast, staff members will arrange interviews, write and record podcast episodes as well as edit episodes.

### **What is the opt-in note requirement?**

While *STLR* does not have a note requirement, we will ensure that staffers committed to writing a note will be able to make the most of their work. Staffers who choose to write a note will receive significant guidance from our Notes Editor throughout the process. This includes assistance with scheduling, choosing note topics, finding faculty advisors, and potentially publishing in *STLR* or another law journal. At the end of the year, *STLR* awards the best student note submission a \$500 prize from the Julius Silver Program in Law, Science and Technology.

### **Application Requirements**

- Your moot court brief or an equivalent piece of legal writing. If you use your moot court brief, please remove your partner's sections. You may also submit the law review writing component.
- Your résumé.
- A statement of interest describing yourself and why you want to be on our journal—think of it as an extended cover letter with personality. If you have experience relevant to producing a Podcast, blogging, writing, editing, or science and technology, please include that information in your statement of interest. Please limit your statement to no more than two pages, double-spaced.

### **Application Instructions**

We require the above-listed materials and follow the procedures on LawNet for journal admission. Please contact us at [columbiastlr@gmail.com](mailto:columbiastlr@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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## COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TAX LAW

### ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The *Columbia Journal of Tax Law* provides scholars, practitioners, and policy makers with a forum for pioneering ideas in tax law—a discipline that touches many of the pressing social and economic issues of our time.

We publish two issues each year featuring scholarly articles, shorter works on current policy topics, and student notes. Unlike any other tax publication, the *Columbia Journal of Tax Law*

aims to bridge the worlds of theory and practice and provide Columbia Law School a meaningful voice in the tax law debate.

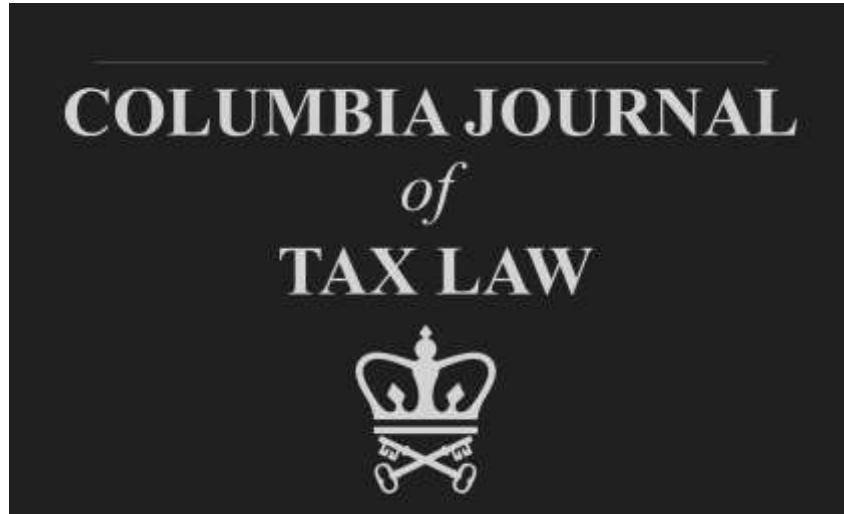
For a firsthand look at the *Columbia Journal of Tax Law*, you can access our past issues online at [taxlawjournal.columbia.edu](http://taxlawjournal.columbia.edu).

### WHY THIS JOURNAL IS FOR YOU

Tax law involves subjects that appeal to individuals with many different backgrounds, interests, and aspirations. We realize that you may not have had much exposure to tax law, but that is not a problem. Tax is a dynamic area of the law and its societal implications continue to be at the forefront of political and scholarly debate. Regardless of your background or future plans, we invite you to explore this area of law as a member of our staff. Our members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, including the arts, economics, engineering, history, public policy, and philosophy. We encourage applicants of diverse talents and perspectives and emphasize that quantitative skills are not necessary for journal participation.

The *Columbia Journal of Tax Law* offers uniquely substantive responsibilities to 2L staff members. We welcome the participation of 2L staff members in the editorial process of choosing articles for the Spring Issue of the Journal. Additionally, while we do not require members to write a note, we strongly encourage it. If you are interested in doing so, our 3L notes editor will work closely with you throughout the topic selection and drafting process, whether or not the note is geared towards publication in the Journal. We publish student notes each year, accepting both spring and fall submissions to give students more time to take substantive tax courses, formulate a topic, and write. The student note is a great way to distinguish yourself professionally to prospective and current employers.

The *Columbia Journal of Tax Law* is committed to an innovative view of the 2L journal experience. Our articles editors, with whom the 2L staff will primarily be working, were chosen for their interest in making the Journal experience more academic, supportive, and transparent. We want you to know what you are committing to, and to make sure that your assignments enrich rather than overwhelm your semesters. We will help members of the journal negotiate 2L year, with advice on EIP, choosing classes, and working the pre-registration system.



**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications should be submitted via LawNet and should include:

1. Writing sample. We will accept any piece of legal writing in Bluebook form, e.g., Legal Practice Workshop memo or brief or your writing component submission.
2. Statement of interest. In 500 words or less, please provide us with any information you feel would be helpful in our decision.
3. A current resume.

For more information, please contact [taxjournal@law.columbia.edu](mailto:taxjournal@law.columbia.edu).

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# COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW

*Founded by Wolfgang G. Friedmann*

Now in its fifty-eighth year, the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* (JTL) is the second oldest student-run international law journal in the nation. JTL was founded in 1961 by the late Wolfgang Friedmann, one of Columbia's most renowned international law professors, and today it is the second most cited journal at Columbia. Writings that appear in JTL are regularly cited by academics, practitioners and courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Recent surveys of prominent international law faculty have placed JTL in the highest tier of international law journals, alongside its peer publications at Harvard and Yale.

Each year JTL publishes three issues, which contain articles by legal scholars and practitioners, student notes, book reviews and bibliographic materials. JTL's purpose is to provide the practicing bar and the academic community with insight into the evolving problems of an increasingly interdependent world.

**PUBLICATION AND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES:** The journal's publication process is entirely student-run. Student editors review submissions, select pieces for publication and work directly with authors and staffers throughout the publication process. Staffers are assigned to work on one or two pieces per issue and are responsible for gathering sources, checking citations, blue-booking and copyediting. Each year, JTL awards prizes to multiple staffers for outstanding production work. Additionally, each member of the Editorial board will choose a staffer to help with executing their responsibilities and work closely with them throughout the year.

**NOTE REQUIREMENT AND WRITING PRIZES:** Staffers are required to submit a note for consideration in the spring of their second year. These notes are often the outgrowth of seminar papers on international or comparative law issues. JTL editors select between six and eight notes for publication. Every year, JTL presents Student Writing Prizes in Comparative and International Law for the three best notes chosen for publication, prizes for outstanding staffers, and the Neil McDonell Memorial Prize for outstanding senior editors.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** JTL hosts the annual Wolfgang Friedmann Memorial Award Banquet, in honor of its founder. The award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to international law. In the past, JTL has honored Stephen Breyer, Martti Ahtisaari, Lori Damrosch, Philip C. Jessup, Anne-Marie Slaughter, Oscar Schachter, Rosalyn Higgins, Louis Henkin, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, and Aryeh Neier. In addition, JTL holds several events—including parties following the publication of each issue—throughout the academic year for students, faculty advisors and alumni. These events provide journal members with a peer support network, as well as professional and academic contacts.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Applications should be submitted via LawNet and should consist of the following materials:

- Resume
- Writing Sample (argument section of moot court brief or writing component piece)
- Personal Statement (You are encouraged to include reference to any potential note topic you might want to pursue.)
- First year transcript
- Languages spoken (optional)

Applications are reviewed anonymously and no previous international law experience is necessary.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please visit our website at [jtl.columbia.edu](http://jtl.columbia.edu), or contact Amelie Hopkins at [ach2180@columbia.edu](mailto:ach2180@columbia.edu). We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your applications!

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