

**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**2017 UNIFIED WRITING COMPETITION**  
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**Fordham Law Review**

The *Fordham Law Review* serves the legal profession and the public by publishing articles, student notes, and sponsoring academic symposia in all areas of legal scholarship. The *Law Review* is the seventh most cited law review by courts and the ninth most cited law review by other legal journals, according to a 2016 study by Washington & Lee University.

The *Law Review* is a working journal, not merely an honor society, and all staff members play an active role in the production of each issue. New staff members edit scholarly works slated for publication and are **strongly** encouraged to write a student note that may be published in the *Law Review*. The *Law Review* also prides itself on fostering a sense of community among its staff. The *Law Review* frequently hosts bar nights and other events for all members. Additionally, third-year students mentor 2L staffers on everything from writing a note to preparing for on-campus interviews.

Membership on the *Law Review* is open to all first-year Fordham Law students and transfer students who participate in the Unified Writing Competition and are in good standing. The *Law Review* offers positions to approximately twenty students on the basis of first-year grades. Although selected on the basis of grades, these students must make a good faith effort in the Unified Writing Competition. The *Law Review* also offers positions to approximately thirty-one students ranking in the top third of the class on the basis of their submissions to the Unified Writing Competition. Finally, the *Law Review* offers positions to between four and eight students on the basis of an optional Personal Statement, which is evaluated in conjunction with their submissions to the Unified Writing Competition. The *Law Review* evaluates all Personal Statements submitted regardless of students' class ranking. The prompt for the Personal Statement will be released to all 1L students in April 2017.

If you have any questions about the *Law Review*, its selection process, or the Unified Writing Competition, please visit [www.FordhamLawReview.org](http://www.FordhamLawReview.org), stop by our office in Room LL-126, or contact:

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**Fordham International Law Journal**

Entering its 41st year of publication, the Fordham International Law Journal (“ILJ”) is one of the most competitive international law periodicals in the world. The ILJ is currently ranked 9th among student-edited international law journals. The ILJ attracts contributions from prominent statespersons and members of the academic, legal, and political communities. We publish five

books annually, comprised of articles, essays, book reviews, and student-written notes and comments. Journal pieces have been cited in numerous US federal court decisions, US Supreme Court decisions and briefs, international courts decisions, law review articles, and CFR and ALR annotations. These pieces cover a wide range of topics with a strong nexus to international law. The ILJ has published works by Kofi Annan, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Madeleine Albright, International Criminal Court Justice Phillipe Kirsch, and South African Constitutional Court Justice Richard J. Goldstone. We continue to attract submissions from prominent statespersons and members of the international academic, legal, and political community.

The ILJ has a diverse readership in the United States and abroad. Our commitment to delivering thought-provoking and timely pieces is reflected in the relationships we have built with Fordham's Crowley Program on Human Rights, the Leitner Center, and the Fordham Center on National Security, among others. Moreover, the ILJ is considered the preeminent publication on the European Union, dedicating one book in each volume solely to issues pertaining to EU law. ILJ articles have been cited by numerous Circuit Courts including the Second Circuit and most recently by the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*. Furthering our efforts to advance international scholarship, the ILJ also organizes, hosts, and participates in a series of well-attended symposia. Recent topics have included Recent Developments in International Arbitration: A Focus on Party Autonomy, On Thin Ice: Climate Change Action From an International Human Rights Perspective, Changing Economy of Terror: Preventing and Combating Terrorist Financing, Cyber Attacks: International Cybersecurity in the 21st Century, and Nuclear Weapons and International Law: A Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime for the 21st Century.

The ILJ is proud to count among its alumni attorneys at leading New York City law firms, non-profit organizations, and well-respected multinational corporations. ILJ staff members work closely with the editorial board and fellow staffers to organize events and symposia, edit and improve works prior to publication, and engage with members of the international legal community. Staffers are also strongly encouraged to submit pieces for publication and are provided with guidance throughout the writing process.

We are committed to fostering an engaging and enjoyable experience for our members and look forward to working with you. The Journal will accept personal statements with Unified Writing Competition submissions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julia Tallarico, Editor-in-Chief, at [eic.fordhamilj@gmail.com](mailto:eic.fordhamilj@gmail.com) or [jtallarico@fordham.edu](mailto:jtallarico@fordham.edu).

### **Fordham Urban Law Journal**

The *Fordham Urban Law Journal* (ULJ) publishes five books annually that address legal and public policy issues affecting urban populations across the nation and throughout the world. Heading into its 45th year, ULJ is the Law School's second-oldest publication and its most cited specialty journal. Among student-edited journals, it is the eighth-most cited specialty journal and the second-most cited public policy journal in the country. ULJ was most recently cited by the Supreme Court of Florida in reviewing the constitutionality of Florida's Open Carry Law under the Second Amendment in *Norman v. State*, No. SC15-650, 2017 WL 823613, at \*8 (Fla. Mar. 2, 2017). For more ULJ citations on Westlaw, query, "ford! /2 urb!"

ULJ's books are comprised of professional Articles, Essays, and student Notes. Books are typically themed, creating a comprehensive discussion around a specific topic. This year's topics include affordable housing law and the regulatory and privacy issues around the increasing use of drones.

Traditionally, ULJ hosts a Cooper-Walsh Colloquium in the fall and a Symposium in the spring. At these events, scholars present and respond to issues relevant to public policy and legal discourse today. This year, Cooper-Walsh explored issues surrounding urban transportation, and the Symposium will focus on urban poverty.

ULJ's online companion provides an additional platform for student written work in the form of blog articles and longer form journalism, and for discourse among legal scholars in an annual symposium.

ULJ selects its staff from the top half of Fordham's class, but will also consider any applicant who submits a personal statement. Staffers work collaboratively and serve as resources for one another for both journal work and academic advice. Journal alumni engage with staffers formally and informally through panels and other events. ULJ also hosts a number of fun themed events throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact ULJ's incoming Editor-in-Chief, Elizabeth Evans, at [eevans16@fordham.edu](mailto:eevans16@fordham.edu) with any questions. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://urbanlawjournal.com> or to stop by our office (LL-128) to speak with our team and learn more.

### **Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal**

The Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal (IPLJ) is a leading publication in all areas of intellectual property law including: patent, copyright, and trademark law; telecommunications and Internet law; counterfeiting, bootlegging, and piracy issues; entertainment and sports law; First Amendment rights; trade secrets; and mass media law. We offer our staff members and readership a broad range of ideas for consideration, from the latest file sharing controversies, to growing concerns over privacy, publishing, and broadcast rights. As technology continues to develop, the IPLJ seeks to play a role in addressing the novel issues that confront intellectual property law.

The IPLJ is proud to be recognized both nationally and internationally by scholars and practitioners alike as a source of authority in its field. According to surveys compiled by Washington & Lee University in 2015, the IPLJ was the highest-ranked arts, entertainment, and sports law journal, and the fourth highest-ranked intellectual property law journal (<http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx>). IPLJ articles have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court—most recently in *Golan v. Holder* (2012)—and the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and have been read into the Congressional record. Throughout the year, members of the IPLJ work with and support the professors, students, and staff involved with Fordham's IP program, recently ranked 20th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

The IPLJ publishes four times each academic year, and IPLJ articles are available in full on Westlaw and Lexis. Staff members play an integral role in the journal's publication, working closely with the journal's board in editing Articles, Notes and Comments. Staff members are also strongly encouraged to write and publish a Note or Comment of their own, and are actively

supported by the editorial board throughout this process. Moreover, the IPLJ has expanded its intellectual property commentary with the launch and continuing evolution of its blog site, <http://www.fordhamiplj.org/ipljonline/>, which staff members both edit and contribute to extensively.

In addition to publishing, the IPLJ conducts several special events for practitioners and staff members. Our annual Symposium has become a seminal convention on present-day issues. In recent years, topics have ranged from state and federal trademark dilution law to free speech in cyberspace. The IPLJ also co-sponsors additional panel discussions with various professional legal organizations. Of particular note is the IPLJ's assistance with the Fordham Intellectual Property Law and Policy Conference. This conference, now in its 25th year, is one of the most prominent and best attended in the field, attracting judges, practitioners and scholars from around the world

In short, the IPLJ seeks to provide a forum for scholarly debate concerning the full spectrum of developments in intellectual property law. We look forward to the contributions and involvement of new staff members. The IPLJ chooses its staff members on the basis of their submissions to the Unified Writing Competition and an optional statement of interest. Please feel free to pick up a copy of our latest edition outside of our office in Room LL-127, or to stop by with any questions you may have about the IPLJ. You can also learn more about the IPLJ on our website at <http://www.fordhamiplj.org>.

### **Fordham Environmental Law Review**

The Fordham Environmental Law Review (ELR) is an outgrowth of the Fordham Environmental Law Council founded in 1969. The first issue of the Fordham Environmental Law Report was published in 1989, and journal status was awarded in 1993. Since its inception, ELR has provided a forum for scholars and practitioners to reflect on issues that are internationally and domestically relevant to the area of environmental law. ELR explores many domestic and international environmental issues ranging from the regulation of air, water, soil pollution, and land use to social policy issues, such as corporate responsibility and environmental racism. Although environmental law touches upon almost all areas of legal scholarship—including but not limited to tort, property, administrative, and constitutional law—the issues and problems posed by environmental jurisprudence are unique.

Staff members receive training in all aspects of ELR's publication and are strongly encouraged to write and publish a Note or Comment. ELR's Writing & Research Editor, along with the Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief, work with students to help develop and edit Notes and Comments for publication. Note writing guidelines and timelines are provided to help guide the staff member's progress.

ELR hosts an annual symposium each spring that draws leading scholars, lawmakers, and regulatory officials in the environmental law field, as well as environmental advocates and concerned citizens. This year's symposium was entitled *America's Water Crisis: An Issue of Environmental Justice*. This symposium focused on local and national efforts to address unequal access to clean water in the United States. Some examples of issues discussed are, civil rights enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, the lack of accountability of state and

federal lawmakers to underserved communities, and efforts to monitor and mitigate future harms to communities through unsafe drinking water.

A dynamic and interdisciplinary publication, ELR publishes two books annually comprising of Articles and Essays by professors and practitioners in the field and student Notes and Comments. ELR chooses its staff members on the basis of their submissions to the Unified Writing Competition and a one page optional statement detailing prior background and interest in environmental law. Students interested in ELR are strongly encouraged to include such a statement. Students who wish to pick up a past ELR publication or who have questions should stop by the ELR Office in Room LL-102 or email us at [elr@fordham.edu](mailto:elr@fordham.edu).

### **Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law**

The *Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law (FJCFL)* is a leading business law journal in the United States. According to Washington & Lee Law Journal Rankings, the *FJCFL* is the #1 ranked student-edited Banking & Finance specialty journal in terms of citations and the #6 ranked student-edited Corporations & Associations specialty journal. Executives, practitioners, regulators, judges, and academics rely on the *FJCFL* to keep abreast of leading corporate law scholarship, novel legal theories, and the emerging issues that are dominating current events. Our articles, notes, comments, essays, symposia, and new online blogging platform cover the full spectrum of business law, including corporate governance, finance, securities, regulation, bankruptcy, and tax issues. Academic journals, courts, the financial press, and the U.S. Supreme Court have cited the *FJCFL*.

The *FJCFL*'s partnership with the Fordham Corporate Law Center is one of our strongest assets, allowing us to offer a year-long program of lectures, symposia, conferences, and practitioner lunches. These events feature distinguished professors, practitioners, policy-makers, and members of the judiciary engaging in discussion of some of the field's most topical issues. *FJCFL* members receive unparalleled access to the people and ideas that shape the landscape of business law. Our signature event is the annual Symposium, which our staff plans and produces. This year's Symposium, entitled "Political Corruption: Afflicting America and Affairs Abroad," featured a panel of leading scholars and practitioners discussing the future for companies conducting business abroad and analyzing the effects of recent U.S. and international corruption rulings, investigations, and scandals. The 2015 Symposium entitled, "Are We Ready for the Next Financial Crisis," featured a keynote address by former S.E.C. Commissioner Daniel M. Gallagher, Jr. The 2014 Symposium discussed "The Changing Face of Corporate Compliance and Corporate Governance," and featured keynote remarks from Thomas C. Baxter, Jr., General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

*FJCFL* staff members gain invaluable experience working in a collaborative environment where attention to detail is required. You will become immersed in corporate and financial topics that have real-world relevance, and learn about issues that will likely arise when you are an attorney. Our staff members engage with cutting-edge corporate law scholarship, hone their legal research skills, and perfect their Bluebook use. The *FJCFL* also encourages all of its members to submit Notes for publication. Our Editors assist students as they select a topic, identify a faculty mentor, and refine their submissions before publication.

*FJCFL* also prides itself on its camaraderie. Editors have an open-door policy and are always

willing to offer advice on professors, classes, internships, and jobs to 2L staffers. In addition, the journal holds several bar nights throughout the year and encourages all staffers to attend.

We look forward to meeting interested candidates and discussing how *FJCFL* membership can provide the skills, experience, and background needed to begin a promising legal career. Please feel free to stop by our office in Room LL-129 or email Tess Sadler (tsadler1@fordham.edu) with any questions.

### **JOURNAL SPECIFIC APPLICATION CRITERIA**

	Statement of Interest?	Accept 2LDs?	Accept 2LEs?	Accept 3LEs?	Accept 3LDs?	Accept Transfers?	Accept LLMs?	GPA cut-off?
<i>Environmental Law Review</i>	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Journal of Corporate &amp; Financial Law</i>	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Intellectual Property Law Journal</i>	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<i>International Law Journal</i>	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Urban Law Journal</i>	Optional Personal Statement	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Top 50% unless selected via personal statement
<i>Law Review</i>	Optional Personal Statement	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Top 33% unless selected via personal statement

**HONOR CODE:** All Statements of Interest must remain ANONYMOUS. **Your name must not appear anywhere on any competition materials, including supplemental statements.** Please use your competition ID to identify all submissions.