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# FORDHAM LAW REVIEW

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## 2020 Unified Writing Competition Diversity Statement Prompt

Founded in 1914 and operating continuously since 1935, the *Fordham Law Review* (FLR) is a scholarly journal committed to serving the legal profession and the public by discussing current legal issues. The *Law Review* publishes approximately 3,500 pages of legal scholarship each year, including articles and student notes, and sponsors academic symposia in all areas of legal scholarship.

Staff members are critical to the *Fordham Law Review*'s success. They contribute to legal scholarship by participating in the *Law Review*'s editorial process and writing student notes. The *Law Review* strongly encourages its members to write student notes on legal topics that may be published alongside articles written by established legal scholars.

The *Law Review* is committed to staffing the journal with students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in the legal community. Excellent legal scholarship calls for a wide range of skills, perspectives, and opinions. A diverse staff and an inclusive working environment are therefore essential to the *Law Review* mission, and the *Law Review* expects and encourages a diverse range of voices in its staff and published scholarship.

The *Law Review* invites you to submit a diversity statement that identifies and describes aspects of your identity, *including but not limited to* racial/ethnic identity, socio-economic background, disability, age, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation.

Your diversity statement must be no more than 500 words, presented with one-inch margins, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double-spaced. All diversity statements will be evaluated as independent pieces of expository writing. They will be read for writing quality and attention to detail.

Please make every effort to avoid including identifying information in your diversity statement. Do not, however, let the prohibition on "identifying information" prevent you from highlighting your diverse background or unique experiences.

You may begin working on your statement immediately. However, please note that you must submit your statement in accordance with the 2020 Unified Writing Competition Rules.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Executive Notes Editor of the *Fordham Law Review*, Zulkifl Zargar, at [FordhamLRevENE@fordham.edu](mailto:FordhamLRevENE@fordham.edu).