

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2020 UNIFIED WRITING COMPETITION
JOURNAL DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION CRITERIA

Fordham Law Review

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* is both an honor society and a working journal that publishes six issues per year, three each semester, totaling over 3,000 pages. The *Law Review* publishes articles and student notes and sponsors academic symposia in all areas of legal scholarship. The *Law Review* places eighth overall in the most recent ranking of general subject law journals by Washington & Lee University, and it is the seventh most cited law journal by courts and the fourth most cited by other legal journals.

The *Law Review* is managed by a board of twenty student editors and comprises an additional eighty student 2L and 3L staff members. All staff members play an active role in the production of each issue. The *Law Review* expects and encourages a diverse range of voices in its staff and published scholarship. A diverse staff and an inclusive working environment are therefore essential to the *Law Review* mission. We are committed to improving diversity of our membership and creating an inclusive environment for all of those on the journal.

New staff members edit scholarly works slated for publication and are strongly encouraged to write a student note in the fall of their second year that may be selected for publication in the *Law Review*. The *Law Review* also prides itself on fostering a sense of community among its staff, hosting frequent bar nights and other events for all members, including an annual trivia night and Alumni Dinner.

Membership on the *Law Review* is open to all first-year (day and evening) Fordham Law students and transfer students who participate in the Unified Writing Competition (UWC) and are in good standing.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the *Law Review* modified its selection process for the 2020 UWC. Class ranking will be calculated on the basis of first-year grades obtained in first semester coursework and legal writing. The *Law Review* will offer positions to ten students on the basis of their class ranking. These students must also make a good faith effort in the UWC. The *Law Review* will also offer positions to approximately forty students ranking in the top half of the first-year class on the basis of their submissions to the UWC. Finally, the *Law Review* will offer positions to up to eight students on the basis of an optional Diversity Statement, which will be evaluated in conjunction with their submissions to the UWC. The *Law Review* will evaluate all Diversity Statements submitted, regardless of a student's class ranking. The prompt for the Diversity Statement will be released to all first-year students in April 2020.

If you have any questions about the *Fordham Law Review* and its selection process, please contact Saniya Suri, Editor-in-Chief of Volume 89, at ssuri6@law.fordham.edu, or visit our website, www.fordhamlawreview.org. If you have questions about the UWC, please contact Zulkifl M. Zargar, Executive Notes Editor of Volume 89, at fordhamlrevenue@fordham.edu.

Fordham Urban Law Journal

The *Fordham Urban Law Journal* (ULJ), established in 1972, is a student-edited law review publishing a minimum of five books annually. It is the only journal at Fordham dedicated to publishing legal scholarship addressing public policy issues affecting urban populations across the nation and throughout the world. Entering its 48th year, ULJ is the Law School's second-oldest publication and its most-cited specialty journal. Among public policy law journals worldwide, ULJ is the second-most cited in legal scholarship and the tenth-most cited by courts.

Books are comprised of Articles, Essays, and student notes, and are typically themed, creating a comprehensive discussion around a specific topic. For example, one of this year's books discussed how big data and AI technologies impact underserved and targeted communities.

In the past six years, ULJ has been cited by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits. Most recently, the Second Circuit cited ULJ in reviewing the applicability of the Fair Housing Act in the context of tenant-on-tenant racial discrimination in *Francis v. Kings Park Manor, Inc.*, 944 F.3d 970 (2d Cir. 2019). Prominent judges who have cited ULJ include Supreme Court Justices John Roberts, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Neil Gorsuch, Anthony Kennedy, John Paul Stevens, and Harry Blackmun, as well as Judges Frank Easterbrook (7th Cir.) and Guido Calabresi (2d Cir.). Moreover, within the last two years, ULJ has been cited numerous times in the nation's premier law reviews, including the Yale Law Journal, the Harvard Law Review, and the Stanford Law Review. For more ULJ citations, query: "Ford! Urb. L.J." on Westlaw or LexisNexis.

ULJ is also committed to publishing student scholarship and strongly encourages its members to write a note for publication in the *Journal*. Many ULJ student notes have been cited by the nation's highest courts over the years, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Most recently, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan cited a ULJ student note in *United States v. Gordon*, 346 F. Supp. 3d (E.D. Mich. 2018).

Finally, ULJ hosts the Cooper-Walsh Colloquium in the fall and a Symposium in the spring, where scholars from around the country present and respond to issues relevant to public policy and legal discourse today. This year, Cooper-Walsh explored how operationalization of data in urban spaces implicates a myriad of rights in *Urban Intelligence and the Emerging City*, while the Symposium discussed how disability and accessibility are considered in the design of cities in *Urban Cities and Accessibility*.

ULJ selects its staff from the top half of Fordham's class, but will also consider **any** applicant who submits a personal statement, regardless of rank. Staffers work collaboratively with other members and the editorial board and are invited to participate in fun events like our Urbsgiving potluck and bar nights. ULJ members will also have many opportunities throughout the year to engage with journal alumni through panels and other events.

We encourage you to visit our website at news.law.fordham.edu/fulj/ or stop by our office (LL-128) to speak with our team and learn more. If you have any questions about the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, please contact ULJ's incoming Editor-in-Chief, Christina Bai, at cbai3@law.fordham.edu.

Fordham International Law Journal

Entering its 44th year of publication, the *Fordham International Law Journal* (ILJ) is one of the most competitive international law periodicals in the world. According to Washington & Lee's Journal Rankings, ILJ is currently ranked in the top 10 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 decisions of international courts, the US Supreme Court, as well as U.S. Supreme Court briefs, law review articles, and CFR and ALR annotations. ILJ articles have also 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*. These pieces cover a wide range of topics with a strong nexus to international law. The ILJ has published works by the two former United Nations Secretary-Generals Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Kofi Annan, the first female U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the first President of the International Criminal Court Philippe Kirsch, the former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda Richard J. Goldstone, and the former judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union John L. Murray. 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, consistently publishing articles pertaining to EU law. 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, Changing Economy of Terror: Preventing and Combating Terrorist Financing, Cyber Attacks: International Cybersecurity in the 21st Century, Nuclear Weapons and International Law: A Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime for the 21st Century, Facing the Unraveling Reform: Domestic and International Perspectives on the Changing Role of China's Rights Lawyers, International Trade: Isolationism, Trade Wars & Trump, and The Judicial Power and US Foreign Affairs.

Among its alumni, ILJ proudly counts 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. The editorial board also encourages ILJ staff members to submit pieces for publication and provide staff members 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 Michael Campbell, incoming Volume XLIV Editor-in-Chief, at mcampbelljr@fordham.edu. Feel free to visit our website at <http://fordhamilj.org> or stop by our office (3-101).

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, mass media, and internet law; counterfeiting, bootlegging, and piracy issues; First Amendment rights; trade secrets; and entertainment, sports, fashion, and art law. We offer our staff members and readership a broad range of ideas for consideration, from the latest controversies in technology and intellectual property, to growing concerns over privacy, publishing, and broadcast rights. As technology continues to advance, the IPLJ seeks to address 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 2018, the IPLJ was the #3 ranked arts, entertainment, and sports law journal, and the #10 ranked intellectual property law journal. 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 renowned IP program.

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 Board throughout the process. A recent IPLJ note was cited in a Supreme Court amicus brief for *Real Estate Alliance Ltd. v. Move, Inc.* (2018). Moreover, the IPLJ has expanded its intellectual property commentary with the launch and continuing evolution of its blog site featuring both blog posts and podcasts, to which staff members both edit and contribute extensively. Each staff member will be required to post a blog entry or record a podcast at least once each semester.

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 data privacy to trademark dilution to free speech in the modern day. 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. The Conference, now in its 28th 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, media, entertainment, sports, fashion, and art 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 (strongly encouraged). 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 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 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 United States 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 "Global Investor Protection: Securities Law Enforcement Around the World," featured a keynote speech from SEC Commissioner Elad L. Roisman, and included panel discussions where leading securities law practitioners, academics, and government officials from the United States, Central America, and Europe discussed the comparative advantages of private and public enforcement and the effectiveness of regulatory systems in different jurisdictions. The 2018 Symposium, entitled "The Future of the New International Tax Regime," featured a keynote speech from Ms. Rosanne Altshuler, Professor of Economics at Rutgers University, and included panel discussions where the nation's leading legal and economic experts on international taxation discussed the wide-ranging repercussions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

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 Julian Constain (jconstain@fordham.edu) with any questions.

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 justice. 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 Board works 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.

In addition to participation in the annual Fordham Law Women's Fall Symposium and other topical events, 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 ***The Green New Deal: Combatting Climate Change Through Law***. This symposium, which brought together distinguished academics and front-line activists, focused on the role of federal, state and local legislation to ensure a just transition in our energy generation, transmission and efficiency systems.

A dynamic and interdisciplinary publication, ELR publishes three books annually comprising of Articles and Essays by professors and practitioners in the field and student Notes and Comments. ELR maintains an online forum for student and practitioner publication to which staff are expected to contribute as well as participate in journal committees. ELR chooses its staff members based on their submissions to the Unified Writing Competition and a required personal statement, not to exceed one page, detailing prior background or interest in environmental law or related issues. 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.

Journal-Specific Application Criteria

	<i>Environmental Law Review</i>	<i>Journal of Corporate & Financial Law</i>	<i>Intellectual Property Law Journal</i>	<i>International Law Journal</i>	<i>Urban Law Journal</i>	<i>Law Review</i>
Statement of Interest	Required	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional Personal Statement	Optional Diversity Statement
1LDs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1LEs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2LDs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
2LEs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
3LEs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Transfers eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LLMs eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
GPA cut-off	None	None	None	None	Top 50% unless selected via personal statement	Top 50% unless selected via diversity statement