

Tulane University Law School Fall 2023 Journal Write-On Competition

Rules and Procedures

Write-On Competition Extension

The 2023 Fall Write-On Competition will be extended to **Friday, September 1, at 9 a.m. CDT**. The official direct email announcement to students was not sent out to the full 2L list in order to give proper notification of the competition. For that reason the competition will be reopened to new participants only (if you have already submitted materials, you do not need to send new documents). The registration link for ranking the journals and entering the competition can be found [here](#). Once you submit the form, check your email for the password for submitting final documents on TWEN.

Eligibility

The fall write-on competition is open to students in good standing who will have completed at least two semesters of law school with at least a 2.0 GPA by commencement of the competition. Please see the individual journal instructions to determine eligibility for each journal. Interested students should be advised that membership on all journals for rising 2Ls and transfers is an **absolute two-year commitment**. Membership on all journals involves numerous time-sensitive editing duties. In addition, journal members are *required* to write both a case note and comment, the latter of which may be used to satisfy the Law School's upper-class writing requirement (subject to conditions stated in the Student Handbook).

The Universal Packet for the Fall Write-On Competition

The Universal Packet for the write-on competition will only consist of (1) the 1L Appellate Brief (2) a technical edit (3) a 500-word personal statement. There will be no written case note component to the fall write-on competition as in previous fall competitions.* This competition will run for nine days so that any new members can be onboarded and trained at the same time as other Junior Members. Not every journal will examine all of the materials in the packet, however some will require all of them. Consult each journal's specific information listed below to see which materials are required.

The packet is available through TWEN. Please be sure to fill out the registration form on the Intranet to get the password to submit your final materials. All submissions are strictly anonymous—please scrub all personal data from the brief and tech edit. Your name should appear as “Author” in the track changes. In a personal statement, a candidate cannot list their name or any particular positions that they hold on campus or a specific city they live in, for example. Please read the following rules carefully because deviation from any procedures are grounds for disqualification. Good luck!

Submitting to Multiple Journals

Four of the seven journals will be participating in the Fall Write-On Competition. Participants may elect to submit the universal packet to their top four (4) journals. Participants must rank each journal applied to in order of preference. These rankings are final and will determine the placement of each student at the conclusion of the grading process. If you choose to change your rankings before the competition closes, only the last entry will be used, but you must resubmit before the competition closes as the grading order is determined by this information. Consult the information listed below by journal to see what journals are participating and what components are required by each journal.

The rules for the write-on competition are uniform, with the exception of journal-specific rules and information articulated below. **Some journals will require all three components of the Universal Packet, while others may only require the brief.** If you are applying for journals that only require the brief, you need only submit the Appellate Brief.

* This Fall is year two of an experiment since two recent Fall write-ons have been delayed by hurricanes and school closures. If you are a transfer or LL.M. student who does not have a prepared brief, please email the write-on coordinator asap at nmanganaro@tulane.edu.

Tulane Law Review

The *Tulane Law Review* is **not** participating in the Fall 2023 write-on competition due to full current membership.

Tulane Maritime Law Journal

The *Tulane Maritime Law Journal* is the most cited maritime legal journal in the world and publishes three issues per year. Candidates earn the distinction of serving on a journal that is subscribed to by the United States Supreme Court. Additionally, our *Journal* is the only journal at Tulane with a mentorship program where junior members are paired with practitioners and alumni of the *Journal* to receive help with their case notes and comments. Junior members are paired with alumni based on both their desired location of practice and/or their interested area of law. Finally, our *Journal* offers members the unique experience of presenting their student published work to practitioners in the New Orleans maritime community for CLE credit.

For the fall write-on competition, the *Journal* will select qualified members to serve during the 2023-25 school years (unless the member is scheduled to graduate in 2024, in which case membership is for only one year). Although our *Journal* focuses on maritime law, this is a broad area of the law and encompasses a diverse range of topics, including international law, federal tort claims, contract disputes, offshore oil and gas, environmental law, and commercial issues. To maintain our distinctive reputation, the *Journal* will evaluate candidates based on the brief. With respect to students who completed their 1L year at Tulane Law School, the *Journal* will also take into consideration the candidates' grades. **The *Tulane Maritime Law Journal* candidates must submit all three (3) components to be considered by the *Journal*, including the *Maritime* personal statement prompt, which will be available on TWEN. The competition is open to current Tulane Law School 2Ls, transfer students, and LL.M. students. Current 3L students will not have an opportunity to compete.**

Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law

The *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law* (*TJICL*) is one of the most prestigious and frequently cited journals of international & comparative law. *TJICL* is published semi-annually and is dedicated to discussing and debating all facets of international and comparative law from human rights to transnational business, environmental concerns, art, tax, elections, and the International Criminal Court. This broad focus gives members the freedom to work on topics that most interest them, while simultaneously providing an excellent opportunity to be published. In conjunction with Tulane Law's unique curriculum and international acclaim, members of *TJICL* have numerous opportunities to work with leading scholars on the most relevant and pressing changes unfolding in the international legal system.

During the fall write-on competition, *TJICL* will accept the brief and personal statement. *TJICL* will not require the technical edit portion of the universal packet. *TJICL* will evaluate candidates based upon (1) the brief (75%), (2) grades (15%), and (3) the personal statement (10%). All competitors must be transfer students or LL.M. students in order to be considered during the fall competition. Competitors who completed their 1L or 2L at Tulane and participated in the summer 2023 write-on competition and were not selected by *TJICL* will not be eligible to reapply to the journal for the fall competition.

Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property

The *Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property* (*JTIP*) provides a forum for in-depth analysis of legal and policy developments related to Technology and Intellectual Property (IP) Law. Ranked eighth in the country for IP law journals, *JTIP* offers its members the opportunity to examine traditional IP Law topics including patents, copyrights, and trademarks. Members also have the unique opportunity to analyze all facets of legal developments in technology, such as privacy law, cyber law, artificial intelligence, and biotech. Due to this expansive nature of technology and IP, *JTIP* members can explore topics related to almost any legal field, including entertainment law, international and comparative law, constitutional law, sports law, administrative law, and business law.

During the fall write-on competition, JTIP will accept all three (3) components from rising 2Ls, current 3Ls, transfers, and LL.M.s. JTIP will evaluate students based upon (1) the brief (60%), (2) the technical edit (30%), and (3) the personal statement (10%). All accepted 2L and transfer student positions are two-year commitments; current 3Ls and LL.M. positions are one-year commitments.

Tulane Environmental Law Journal

As a nationally recognized publication, the *Tulane Environmental Law Journal (TELJ)* covers emerging issues in environmental law and stands as a cornerstone of Tulane's renowned environmental law program. The *TELJ* covers traditional environmental topics such as pollution control, environmental justice, and sustainable development, while also providing a forum to discuss the intersection of environmental issues with other branches of the law, including international, energy, constitutional, criminal, property, maritime, and tort law. The *TELJ* strives to publish articles analyzing a wide variety of timely legal developments from an environmental perspective. In addition, the *TELJ* publishes at least one original work written by each member during their two-year participation with the journal. The journal's breadth gives students the opportunity to conduct in-depth studies of diverse environmental and legal issues. The *TELJ* members can also submit their comments for participation in a Center for Environmental Law competition, which awards \$1,000 to the winning 2L comment. **Interested rising 2Ls, 3Ls, LL.M.s, and transfer students are invited to apply by submitting all three (3) components, JTIP will evaluate students on the based upon (1) the brief (70%), (2) personal statement (20%), and (3) the tech edit (10%).**

Sports Lawyers Journal

The *Sports Lawyers Journal* is **not** participating in the Fall 2023 write-on competition due to full current membership.

Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality

The *Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality* is **not** participating in the Fall 2023 write-on competition due to full current membership.

Rules

Failure to comply with any of the following rules will result in disqualification from or inability to participate in the write-on competition.

- 1) Participants must register by submitting an electronic "2023 Fall Write-On Competition Information Form" through the Tulane Law School Intranet site. This form is available for submission using the "Write-On Competitions" link under "Student Activities" on the Intranet. This is where you will rank the journals to which you are applying. **Please note that the rankings are final and will determine the placement of each student at the conclusion of the grading process.** Please note, *TLR*, *Sports Lawyers Journal*, and *Law and Sexuality* will not appear in the rankings, and you may choose up to four (4) journals to rank. Please check the Intranet for the live form link on Thursday, August 17, 2023.
- 2) Upon filling out the information form, students will receive an automated email to the email address you submitted containing the password, which is needed to add the "Fall 2023 Journal Write-On-FINAL SUBMISSIONS" class on TWEN. This will be where you submit your brief and other materials. If you do not receive a password after filling out the Intranet information form, please email Nicole Manganaro at nmanganaro@tulane.edu for the password.
 - a. It is in your best interest to register for the "Fall 2023 Journal Write-On Submissions" course on TWEN as soon as you have decided the journals to which you will apply. Ultimately, you will need the password in order to submit to the final submissions dropbox, so it is best to set it up ahead of time to avoid last minute panic when prompted for the password on the due date. Notifications may also be sent out to all registered participants, so sign up as soon as possible to receive important information about the competition.

- 3) Write-on participants must join the TWEN class, “Fall 2023 Journal Write-On,” which will become available for registration beginning Thursday, August 17, at 10:00 a.m. C.D.T. Packets are available on TWEN now.
- 4) Participants must submit the brief, which should be **an unedited** copy of the 1L Appellate Brief, with Splash ID added and name redacted or removed in all places it appears in the document. You are encouraged to submit as soon as you have finished and not wait until the last minute to submit. If you are having technical issues you **must** contact the write on coordinator **before** the competition closes to ensure your materials are submitted on time. Reach out to Nicole Manganaro (nmanganaro@tulane.edu) the moment you experience any technical issues.
- 5) All submissions must be anonymous. Failure to remove your personal information from your materials can result in immediate disqualification. You may not notify or consult members of any journal regarding your participation during the competition. Identifying information (other than your 9-digit Tulane Student Splash I.D. number) may not appear anywhere on your submissions. Similarly, to maintain anonymity, all questions must conform to the Q&A procedures described below and should be directed only to the write-on coordinator, Nicole Manganaro.
- 6) Participants must check the write-on competition TWEN site and the Law School Intranet for updates, particularly in the days leading up to the submission deadline. Students who do not conform to any updates posted may be disqualified.
- 7) Any information that is inconsistent with these rules, except as posted on the Law School Intranet “Write-On Competitions” Page, is explicitly disclaimed. Information on the Write-On Competition Page overrides any conflicting information in individual journal instructions.
- 8) All students are assumed to have received notice of these rules by virtue of the Write-On Information postings on the Intranet and TWEN sites and via information sessions.

Format

Only electronic submissions to the TWEN drop-box will be accepted. Briefs must conform to the following format restrictions:

- ï Your I.D. number (your 9-digit Tulane Student Splash ID number) should be included in the top header, right justified. The insertion of the I.D. and removal of any personal identifying information are the only changes permitted to the document. Check the full document for your name and remove it in all places.
- ï Submit the finished, **unedited copy** of your Appellate Brief. The formatting of the brief must conform strictly to the Legal Research & Writing rules and guidelines, including for citations and Bluebook formatting and **must** be in Microsoft Word format. If you have the brief saved as something else, please make sure to rename the document to the correct format.

The Technical Edit submissions must conform to the following restrictions:

- ï The only identifying information on the edit will be your I.D. number. Since the changes will all be done in track changes on word, you **must** clear the metadata in the document to de-anonymize the edit fully. Failure to remove your information may result in disqualification.

Question/Answer Procedure

All questions regarding the competition must be submitted in the following fashion:

- ï Email questions to Nicole Manganaro at nmanganaro@tulane.edu
- ï The subject line of your e-mail must be “Write-On Competition.”
- ï Your question will be anonymously forwarded to the appropriate member of that journal.
- ï Answers will be posted publicly on the Tulane Law School Intranet under the link marked “Write-On Competitions” and more immediately on the TWEN page.

- İ Participants should check the Tulane Law School Intranet and TWEN periodically/daily to review answers and any other supplementary guidelines.
- İ Please do not use the messaging feature in TWEN to email questions to the admins as it will potentially reveal your identity to student members.

Individual members of any journal will not answer any questions under any circumstances. Do not contact them directly! *Failure to follow these instructions can lead to immediate disqualification.*

Submission Instructions

All submissions are due electronically in the TWEN drop-box **Friday, September 1, 2023 before 9:00 a.m. C.D.T.** All submissions must be composed using Microsoft Word and **named using your 9-digit Tulane Student Splash I.D. number** (e.g., “123456789.doc”). Allow yourself enough time to submit as you will be asked to enter your I.D. multiple times for each submission. If the submission I.D. is typed incorrectly it could result in disqualification. All submissions must be saved in “.doc” format (as opposed to Word 2007 “.docx” format) for compatibility purposes.

To upload your submission, refer to the instructions on the Law School Intranet “Write-On Competitions” Page or TWEN.

Notification

All notifications will go out between Wednesday, August 30, 2023 and September 5th, by 5 p.m. C.D.T. Each contestant will receive only one offer to one journal based on the journal rankings they provided and their performance in the competition. Students who do not choose to accept this offer will be forfeiting their opportunity to join a journal.

In the event announcement by these dates becomes impracticable, the amended dates will be noted on the Law School Intranet under “Write-On Competitions” and an announcement sent to registered participants via TWEN.