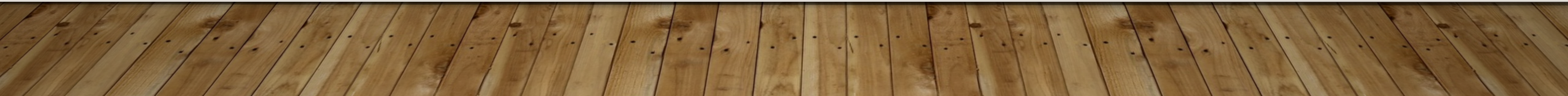


TULANE LAW SCHOOL FALL 2023 WRITE-ON COMPETITION INFORMATION SESSION

AUGUST 2023



JOURNALS PARTICIPATING IN FALL WRITE-ON

- Tulane Environmental Law Journal
- Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law
- Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property
- Tulane Maritime Law Journal

Each journal has its own selection criteria and the Fall Write-On Competition is for eligible 2Ls, 3Ls, transfers, and LL.M.s

HOW DOES THE FALL WRITE-ON COMPETITION WORK?

- The Write-On Competition will begin on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 and end on Friday, August 25, 2023
- There is a universal packet that will consist of the 1L Appellate Brief, a technical edit, and a 500-word personal statement.
- You will rank each journal by how interested you would be in joining them. This list will be a binding decision!

WHAT'S IN THE UNIVERSAL PACKET?

And, what does the “packet dropping” mean? It means that the competition officially begins and the materials you need to complete it will be released on TWEN and available to download at the scheduled start time

The write-on packet will include:

- Your unaltered 1L Appellate Brief
- Personal Statement Prompts:
 - The questions that you can choose to write on for your 500-word personal statement
- Tech Edit Guidelines:
 - The guidelines will give you detailed instructions on how to complete and submit the technical edit
- The Tech Edit:
 - This includes excerpts from unpublished journal articles that have Bluebook errors above the line and below the line
- Tech Edit Sources:
 - Select sources that support the excerpts in the tech edit; designed for you to ensure the accuracy of quotations

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE THE WRITE-ON?

- The Write-On Competition begins on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. CDT, and all submissions are due on Friday, August 25, 2023, before 10:00 a.m. CDT
- IMPORTANT DATES:
 - Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. CDT: Packet Drops: All Materials Released
 - Friday, August 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. CDT: Submissions Due
 - 1L Brief, Technical Edit, and Personal Statement(s) must be uploaded to TWEN by this deadline

HOW TO SUBMIT THE 1L APPELLATE BRIEF

- Participants must submit the brief to the TWEN final submissions dropbox, and it should be **an unedited** copy of the graded 1L Appellate Brief. If you do not have a brief to submit, you may select an appropriate writing sample with prior approval from the Write-On Coordinator, Nicole Manganaro.

WHAT IS A TECHNICAL EDIT?

- A **technical edit** is designed to simulate what much of your work will be like as a “Junior Member” on a journal.
- Using the track changes feature in Microsoft Word, you will be asked to edit excerpts from articles “**below the line.**” You will also be asked to **ensure the accuracy of quotations** contained in the excerpts for particular quotations based on particular sources that are provided.
- “**Below the line**” edits refer to corrections that need to be made to citations to ensure they conform with the Bluebook (21st edition).
- When you have completed your technical edit in track changes, you must **strip the document of metadata**

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- The Personal Statements are limited to 500 words, and the prompts for these statements will be released the day the packet drops
- Anonymity: Candidates CANNOT disclose their name or positions/organizations that they are involved with on campus
- Candidates will be allowed to write separate personal statements to each individual journal and upload them on the same document
 - If you are applying only to journals that do not require a personal statement, then you need not prepare one!

HOW DOES THE RANKING SYSTEM WORK?

- You will rank each journal in the order that you would be interested in joining it.
 - You do not have to rank all four. Do not rank any journals that you do not have an interest in joining. For example, if your second ranked journal selects you for membership, then no other journals will be able to select you. Since your ranked list will be binding, it is important that you learn as much as you can about each journal!

RANKING ILLUSTRATION/EXAMPLE

SAMPLE RANKING	
(1)	Data
(2)	Jean-Luc Picard
(3)	Beverly Crusher
(4)	Deanna Troi
(5)	Geordi LaForge
(6)	Worf

- If your first ranked choice does not select you after reviewing your Brief (i.e., Data), then your Brief moves to Round 2.
- In Round 2 your second ranked choice (i.e., Jean-Luc Picard) will grade your Brief. If they decide to select you for membership, then your Brief is removed from the process. This means that Beverly Crusher (3), Deanna Troi (4), Geordi LaForge (5) and Worf (6) will not even see your submission

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- Furthermore, DO NOT rank journals that you would not want to write for
- For example, if you know for sure that you do not want to write for Deanna Troi, Geordi LaForge, or Worf, then do not include them in your list.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

- It is **critical** that you adhere to the **2023 Fall Write-On Competition Rules & Procedures** when completing your materials
- Failure to abide by the Rules & Procedures could result in **disqualification** from the competition
- Importantly, the Rules & Procedures are **not** a substitute for **individual guidelines provided by each journal**
 - **Read all the documents carefully** to ensure that you will not be disqualified!

RULES & PROCEDURES: DO'S & DON'TS

DO...

- Use your 9-digit Splash ID Number
- Rank your choice of journals before turning in your packet
- Check the Write-On Competition page on TWEN daily for updates and changes throughout the competition
- Strictly adhere to the Bluebook for your citations
- Read the Rules & Procedures and individual journal guidelines carefully
- Send ALL QUESTIONS to competition coordinator Nicole Manganaro at nmanganaro@tulane.edu

DON'T...

- Use any sources outside of the packet
- Contact ANY journal member with questions after the packet drops (August 22, 2023)
- Put any identifying information other than your 9-digit Splash ID Number on your submission.
 - Anonymity is critical and you will be disqualified
- Use your blind grading number from exams

RULES & PROCEDURES: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- The work you submit must be entirely your own. You must do your own writing. You may not seek the editorial assistance (including proofreading) of other students, family members, friends or anyone else.
- The 1L Brief must be in the exact form it was submitted for grading. No edits are allowed other than renaming the document to include your Splash ID Number
- The only sources other than tech edit materials that participants may reference are:
 - *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (21st Ed.)
 - *The Redbook: Manual on Legal Style* 2d ed.
 - *Strunk & White: The Elements of Style*

WHAT IS LIFE ON EACH OF THE JOURNALS LIKE? HOW DO I GET ON ONE?



TULANE MARITIME JOURNAL

The Tulane Maritime Law Journal publishes three issues per volume and is subscribed to by the United States Supreme Court.

JM Obligations: Write a Case Note (Fall); Write a Comment (Spring); complete a sub & cite, and a page read (once each semester)

Why TMLJ? The many faces of Maritime Law! Federal tort claims act questions, international law and treaty concerns, employment law issues, Constitutional law, labor & employment, environmental law matters, contract disputes

- Our mentor program / extensive alumni network
- Publication opportunities
- TMLJ's suite (& computer lab)
- Maybe you know that you really, really love Maritime Law already...or maybe you're just figuring it all out!

TULANE JOURNAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- The Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property (JTIP) is an annual publication that examines the intersection between Technology and Intellectual Property Law. JTIP strives to publish on a wide array of topics including the latest developments in cybercrime, cybersecurity, biotechnology, entertainment law, trademarks, trade secrets, and a vast variety of other policy implications.
- Why JTIP? - Ability to pursue projects related to your interests - Access to an extensive network of renowned IP professors and practitioners - Practical experience in one of the fastest growing industries in the legal community

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. WHY TELJ? 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.

TULANE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Why TJICL? • The Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law (TJICL) is a semi-annual student run publication dedicated to issues of international, transnational, and comparative law. • We are one of the leading international and comparative law journals and in the top quarter of all journals in the United States in terms of citation. • TJICL allows you the freedom of being able to pick a topic that really interests you and learn about important problems/court decisions all over the world. Recently published topics include: • contract law in the Gulf States; • African education policy; • gender-based crimes and the Arab Spring; • developments in Dutch labor law on algorithmic management; • developments in EU state aid law; • concepts of nationality and national origin in the application of the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Qatar and the U.A.E.; and • post-Brexit applicability of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in Northern Ireland.

JOURNAL CONTACTS

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- Tulane Environmental Law Journal ○ Charlotte Phillips ○ cphillips@tulane.edu

You may only contact these members **before** the competition starts. During the competition you **must** direct all questions to competition coordinator, Nicole Manganaro nmanganaro@tulane.edu