Journal Day Handbook

April 13, 2015
## Journals at Columbia Law School  
**2015-16 Academic Year**

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Columbia Law School Journal Application Process Overview

Joining a journal during your time at Columbia can be a remarkably valuable experience. We hope you use this handbook, the presentations at Journal Day, the journal recruitment events (see schedule on page 4) and the information available on the Student Services website and from the journals tabling before and after the Journal Day presentations to learn more about each journal. As you learn about each journal, you will want to think about your own areas of interest and what is most appealing to you. We wanted to give you a brief overview of the journal application process.

The main journal application process will take place immediately after 1L exams, from 12:00pm EDT on Friday, May 15th, through 12:00pm EDT on Tuesday, May 26th. It should not take you 11 days to complete the process; rather, the window for the process is relatively long to accommodate the varying work and travel schedules of students after exams end. During the process, many students participate in the writing component run by the Columbia Law Review. All journals accept the writing component; however, with the exception of the Law Review, a writing sample may be submitted instead. Registration and application submission will take place on LawNet (in My Services under Journals).

During the regular application period, you can apply to as many journals as you would like, and you can rank those journals in order of preference. We suggest that you apply to and rank all journals in which you might be interested. Journals will review applications during May, June and early July, and will rank applicants. Applicants will be matched to journals through a matching process, and journals will make offers in July.

In addition, some of the journals participate in an early application process, though which each of the participating journals can accept a maximum of EIGHT student members. Students can apply to only ONE of the participating journals during the early process. If you apply to and are accepted by a journal during the early process, that acceptance is BINDING with one exception: you may still apply to the Columbia Law Review during the regular application process, and if you are accepted, you may join the Columbia Law Review. HOWEVER, with that exception, an early application is binding on the student, so this is best for those students have a definite and clearly defined interest. The early application process runs from 10:00am EDT on April 14th through 4:00pm EDT on April 20th. You will register and submit applications via LawNet (in My Services under Journals).

PLEASE NOTE: The application processes are anonymous. Please take care to delete your name from any materials you submit to the journals, and to include the registration number you receive on LawNet in its place.

There is information in the handbook about each journal, its vision, the requirements for staffers, and application details. If you have questions about a particular journal, please feel free to contact the journal at the email address provided. For general questions about journals, please contact Anne Green at anne.green@law.columbia.edu. Good luck!

Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin

Anne Green
## Journal Recruitment Events

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*Individual journals will provide additional event details.*
## Comparison of Columbia Law School Journals

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*Note: Journals without a note requirement may nevertheless invite note submissions. Please read each journal's individual requirements on their handbook page(s).*
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#### April 14 - April 20

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*Personal Statements/Statements of Interest must be limited to 500 words, or fewer as specified by individual journals in the Journal Day Handbook.*

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## Journal Regular Application Process:
### May 15 - May 26

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Note: Many journals require a Writing Sample, but allow it to be either the Writing Component or something else. Where that is the case, it is indicated as Writing Component - Optional, Writing Sample - Yes. Please read each journal’s individual requirements on their handbook page(s).

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THE AMERICAN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The American Review of International Arbitration is a quarterly law review that publishes scholarly articles, commentaries on recent developments, case notes, and other materials relating to international commercial arbitration. It is the only publication of its kind in the United States, and also one of the leading publications in the field internationally. International commercial arbitration itself is a practice area of significant, ever-increasing importance due to the need for resolving commercial disputes in the expanding global economy.

ARIA student editors will gain familiarity with international commercial arbitration as they complete the journal's requirements for cite-checking, editing and proof-reading. Most importantly, we encourage our students to write a student note. ARIA offers its student editors the opportunity to be directly supervised in their work by a managing editor who is an experienced lawyer. ARIA also offers to its student editors the possibility of serving as Senior Student Editors during the third year of law school.

If you are interested in working as a student editor of ARIA, you may submit your application through the regular online application process from May 15-May 26. Please submit a resume, transcript and a brief letter explaining your interest. If you have a particular interest in arbitration and in ARIA, you may also contact Elizabeth Cooper directly at ecooper@law.columbia.edu to discuss your interest in the journal.

ARIA also participates in the early application program, for which the above materials may be submitted on LawNet by April 20.

Although the writing component is not required, students wishing to do so may submit a copy of their writing sample with their application.

**Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)**
- Early Applications: Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest
- Regular Applications: Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest

All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.
The Columbia Journal of Asian Law is the premier forum in the United States for analysis of Asia’s rapidly developing legal regimes. The Journal is consistently ranked as the top journal in the field, and attracts original articles by legal academics, practitioners, and government officials from across the world. The Journal also receives student-written notes on salient topics relevant to Asian laws and legal regimes.

Articles
The common thread tying our scholarship together is a geographical focus on the legal and political systems of the countries in Asia. Articles in recent years have encompassed China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Cambodia, and India within that broad regional category. This geographical emphasis allows us to publish on a wide range of practice areas, including: labor law, constitutional law, corporate law, intellectual and real property law, human rights law, and criminal law, among others.

Notes
The Journal publishes an average of one note per volume. We accept submissions from non-members but give preference for publication to members of the Journal. Writing a note is optional. Topics covered by recent notes include the intersection of human rights and intellectual property law in Vietnam, human trafficking in Asia, and Taiwan’s relationship with the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Responsibilities
Staff editors work with a team to gather sources, check citations, edit style, and carry out other tasks necessary to prepare submissions for publication. For those interested in taking on additional responsibility, we offer a limited number of editorial board positions as articles editors to second-year students. Articles editors oversee a team of staff editors and work closely with authors during the editing process.

Benefits
Working on CJAL strengthens your command in legal citations and hones your attention to detail, which signals to employers your writing and editing abilities. Due to our lean staffing, CJAL allows its editors to take full ownership of the articles assigned to them. Editors are thus able to work closely with leading academics, practitioners, and government officials in the swiftly expanding Asian legal field.

Application
The Journal participates in the early application process. Please refer to the early application instructions for further details. Both early and regular process applicants should submit the following materials on LawNet: a resume, a personal statement (maximum one page), a transcript, a legal writing sample (i.e. a moot court brief or the writing component essay), and your Asian language abilities (if applicable). We value Asian language ability, but it is not required for membership. If you would like to be considered for an articles editor position, please indicate your interest on your application. The selection process for articles editors will be conducted at the end of summer.

Contact information
Karman Lucero: kml2135@columbia.edu
jnasian@law.columbia.edu

Website:
http://cjal.columbia.edu/

Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)
Early Applications: Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample, 2L Arts. Ed. Interest
Regular Applications: Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample, 2L Arts. Ed.
Interest
All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.
BACKGROUND

Celebrating its 29th year in 2015–2016, Columbia Business Law Review was the first legal periodical at a national law school to be devoted solely to the publication of articles focusing on the interaction of the legal profession and the business community. It is one of the top-ranked business law journals in the world in terms of overall impact and citations and is widely recognized as one of the most important publications in the field.

CBLR publishes articles written by legal scholars and practitioners as well as Notes written by staff members that relate to all aspects of business law and thus covers a wide range of topics such as antitrust, intellectual property, financial regulation, corporate governance, and even nonprofit organizations. Recent authors include: leading European Antitrust practitioner Jean-François Bellis; Co-Director of the Richman Center for Business, Law & Public Policy and Columbia Law School Professor Jeffrey N. Gordon; Delaware Chancellor William B. Chandler III; Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Partner William Savitt; and Co-Director of the Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership and Columbia Law School Professor Robert Jackson. In addition, CBLR publishes the remarks of the New York City Bar Association’s prestigious Milton Handler Antitrust Review, delivered in 2012 by Professor Herbert Hovenkamp, “the most influential antitrust scholar of our generation.”

CBLR publishes three issues a year and involves 2L staff members in all aspects of the editorial production. CBLR is edited and managed entirely by Columbia Law School students, and is self-funded through its broad subscription base and donations from alumni and law firms.

MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

CBLR’s goal is to expose staff members to the many different facets of business law, develop their writing, technical, and editing skills, as well as provide opportunities to interact, network, and collaborate with leading scholars and practitioners in the field.

Editing Assignments
CBLR maintains the academic rigor and quality of the journal with the help of its 2L staff members. Each staff member has editorial responsibility for assigned parts of an article or Note in each of the three issues published in a year.

Writing Requirements
Staff members are required to research and write a Note suitable for CBLR publication. Authoring a Note provides a valuable opportunity to work closely with faculty advisors to develop a substantive piece of legal scholarship that may be published. CBLR also matches 2L staff members with 3L Note Editors,
who help members select their Note topics, focus their research, and edit their work. Participation in the Note writing process also fulfills Columbia Law School’s Major Writing Requirement. Most staff members meet this CBLR writing requirement by writing a Note on an original topic that may be connected with a seminar paper or independent research work. Alternatively, staff members may meet the requirement by serving as an Editorial Assistant, who work on editing and managerial assignments under the supervision of the Editorial Board.

In addition, each staff member writes one short blog post that is published on CBLR Online at some point during the academic year. Posts may provide analysis on recent news relating to business law, commentary on published works, predictions about current issues in the field, or a response to another online post, such as one from the Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog. CBLR Online blog posts that are especially well-written and insightful may be selected for publication by the Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog as well.

Both of these writing requirements provide staff members with opportunities to attract broader media attention. Recent CBLR student Notes and blog posts have been cited by, for example, The Washington Post and The Volokh Conspiracy legal blog.

Staff Development
CBLR offers its staff a broad array of social and career events to help students develop professionally. For career guidance, CBLR organizes a pre-EIP panel, a clerkship strategy session, and a mentorship program to dispense ongoing advice throughout the year. To encourage staff cohesiveness and enhance the journal experience, CBLR sponsors editorial team dinners, staff happy hours, and other events. Finally, CBLR also organizes an end-of-the-year banquet to celebrate the journal’s accomplishments and allow staff members to meet distinguished alumni.

APPLICATION PROCESS

CBLR applicants should submit their applications online during the regular journal application period. Applications must include the following materials:

- First-Year Grades
- Resume
- Statement of Interest (maximum of one single-spaced page): Please tell us about yourself and explain your interest in CBLR, which may include anything ranging from relevant past experiences to potential Note topics.
- Writing Sample: You may submit the Law Review Writing Component, your Moot Court brief, or other equivalent legal writing with Bluebooking.

CONTACT US

To find out more information about the Columbia Business Law Review, please attend our informational lunch on Tuesday, April 14th at 12:10 p.m. in JG 103 and visit our website at www.cblr.columbia.edu.

Please also feel free to contact Editor-in-Chief Jenny Lee (eic@cblr.org) or Executive Editor Synne Chapman (executive@cblr.org).

Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)
Regular Applications: Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest, Writing Sample
All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No.
Interested in constitutional, property, international, or corporate law? Natural resources, environmental protection, ecology, economics, politics, legislation, human rights, public health, urban studies or real estate? These are just a few of the areas covered in the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law.

Who are we?

CJEL was founded in 1972 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. We are one of the nation's oldest and most preeminent environmental law journals. We have a reputation for publishing innovative scholarship on emerging areas of environmental law, and our articles have substantially influenced the law's development. CJEL is read and cited by numerous judges, scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers, and we have significant international readership.

What do we do?

We publish two issues per year, typically with two or three articles and two student Notes per issue. CJEL is looking for 2L members who are enthusiastic about our work, interested in our issues, and committed to doing what it takes to get the job done right.

Why should you join?

Aside from an interest in environmental law, the prestige of the journal, and the broad array of experience we offer, you might be interested to know that:

- CJEL is the third most-cited environmental law journal nationally in terms of citations per article according to Washington and Lee's Law Journal Submission Service.
- Since we publish two issues per year, our cite-checking assignments are more manageable than those of other journals. Moreover, 2Ls have the opportunity to make substantive editorial decisions.
- Our Note publication program is voluntary and based entirely on your own interest. This ensures that all staffers who commit to writing a note get substantial guidance and
encouragement throughout the editorial process.

- 2L staffers who opt not to write a Note are required to write a 10 to 15 page Field Report on a topical issue in the field of environmental law for posting to the online portion of our journal. This is a much less time-consuming process than writing a Note, but still provides you with a great opportunity to be published.

- Our staffers have direct contact with environmental law practitioners working at law firms, environmental organizations, and government agencies. However, we do not require prior knowledge of or experience in environmental law.

- We use and enjoy our substantial budget for group events.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact current Editor-in-Chief Courtney Chin (cjc2105@columbia.edu) or incoming Editor-in-Chief Isa Julson (iaj2105@columbia.edu) if you would like to discuss the journal in more detail.

Application Requirements

Please provide the following:

- **Personal Statement.** Tell us about yourself and tell us what interests you about CJEL. We strongly weigh personal statements and to that end, one that addresses your interests in CJEL in particular is recommended. One to two double-spaced pages is sufficient.

- **Writing Sample.** You can use the Law Review Writing Component, your Moot Court argument section, or any other equivalent piece of legal writing.

- **Resume.**

- **First Year Grades.**

We are participating in the early application process, and encourage students to apply early. These early applications are due on Monday, April 20 and should be submitted on LawNet. Regular applications are due via LawNet on Tuesday, May 26. Good luck with your applications and with finals. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)**

Early Applications: Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample

Regular Applications: Resume, Grades, Personal Statement, Writing Sample

All application materials MUST BE ANONYMOUS. Include your LawNet Reg. No. only.
Now heading into its 21st year, the *Columbia Journal of European Law (CJEL)* is the most cited European law journal in the world and is ranked among the top five foreign and civil law journals in the country. *CJEL* is committed to publishing and promoting the highest caliber European legal scholarship, and its critical contributions to the field, spanning a diverse array of legal disciplines, render it one of the most dynamic journals at Columbia Law School.

**PUBLICATION**

Columbia students are entirely responsible for *CJEL’s* publication. *CJEL* is published under the auspices of Columbia’s *European Legal Studies Center* with the guidance of Professors George A. Bermann and Anu Bradford. We have a collaborative partnership with the Catholic University of Leuven, which provides insight into developments in EU legislation and European Court of Justice jurisprudence.

*CJEL* publishes three issues per year and contains articles exploring every facet of European law. This includes EU-wide legal issues, law at the national level, and broader jurisprudential questions relevant to the development of law and legal institutions across Europe. The articles we publish, authored by leading academics and practitioners, cover a range of scholarship, from business law to human rights.

**STAFFER EXPERIENCE**

*CJEL* staffers are exposed to timely legal issues affecting Europe, the United States, and beyond. *CJEL* staffers are furnished with strong comparative perspective, and are better positioned to tackle the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world. The board of *CJEL* is committed to fostering an engaging collaborative work environment that is rich with opportunities for growth and leadership. *CJEL* is a one-year commitment with opportunities to continue as a board member for a second year.

Staffers are assigned to one article per issue and are responsible for gathering sources and editing citations. Staffers are also encouraged to make substantive edits to the article to which they are assigned.

- **Writing a note is not mandatory**, but we encourage staffers to do so through our internal note competition. Those selected will be published in print. Those notes not selected for print may be chosen for publication online, on our *Preliminary Reference* blog.

- Staffers will be asked to produce one small article (5-8 pages) for publication on our Preliminary reference blog. Staffers will submit topics at the beginning of the semester and receive editing support as they draft the short essay. They will receive full credit for the article on our *Preliminary Reference* blog.
• We host regular social events at local bars and restaurants, including trivia night and karaoke.
• We are committed to a global vision of legal education. We therefore hold certain Board positions open to those who go abroad during their 3L year.
• We have reserved one position on the board for the incoming class of CJEL staffers. This Managing Editor position will constitute a more substantial commitment to the journal than a staffer position. This is a supervisory role over staffers which involves below-the-line editing and coordination with Articles Editors and the Head Managing Editor (ME). This honor will in no way preclude the student from consideration for board positions in their next year.

APPLICATION TO CJEL

Early Application: Our early application process allows a candidate to receive an offer before the start of the regular application process. To apply, please submit materials on LawNet by April 20.

• Résumé
• Writing sample. This may be any class paper, essay, moot court brief, or similar piece of legal analysis or scholarship. Maximum six (6) pages.
• Unofficial transcript (current to the date of application). Transcripts will be reviewed confidentially by the Editor-in-Chief.
• Statement of interest in CJEL (maximum one page), including any relevant experience you have in European Law. Please indicate interest, if any, in the Managing Editor position held open for new applicants.
• Board position: Please indicate interest in the available ME position within the statement of interest. If needed, additional interviews will be conducted after all staffer positions are assigned (in July). This position is only available to early applicants.

Regular Application: We accept electronic applications during the regular application period from May 15th to 26th through the online application process. The regular application should include the same materials required for the early application. We consider all elements of your application with equal weight in making our decision.

For more information, please contact Alex Weaver, CJEL Editor-in-Chief for 2015-16, at amw2209@columbia.edu.

Required Application Materials Summary (read above for details)
Early Applications: Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest, Writing Sample
Regular Applications: Resume, Grades, Statement of Interest, Writing Sample
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THE JOURNAL:

The *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law (JGL)* is an interdisciplinary journal created to address the interplay between gender and law. *JGL* fosters dialogue, debate, and awareness about gender-related issues and feminist scholarship. Our articles express an expansive view of feminism and feminist jurisprudence, embracing issues relating to people of all genders, races, ethnicities, classes, sexual orientations, and cultures. In publishing *JGL*, our goals are to advance feminist scholarship at the law school and to serve as an outlet for interested students and faculty members.

PUBLICATION:

*JGL* is one of the foremost journals on gender and law and has published works by prominent scholars, including the Honorable Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, Suzanne Goldberg, Katherine Franke, Martha Nussbaum, Martha Davis, Marc Poirier, Milton Diamond, and Fedwa Malti-Douglas. *JGL* is open to law-related articles from other academic disciplines in order to explore the intersections between law and psychology, history, religion, political science, literature, and/or sociology, among others. We currently publish two issues per year. In addition, we publish a Symposium Issue each year in conjunction with the Center for Gender & Sexuality Law’s annual symposium.

MEMBERSHIP IN JGL:

*JGL* is unique among Columbia journals because of its structure as a non-hierarchical, consensus-based organization. *JGL* staff members are integral contributors in every aspect of the Journal, and participate not only in the editorial process, but also in reviewing and selecting articles to publish. The Journal holds weekly meetings, which operate by consensus and are designed to promote internal debate and discussion. Every member is encouraged to contribute his or her views. Usually, at these mandatory meetings, the entire Journal membership meets to discuss submissions, coordinate production work, and discuss other journal business. The weeks when we do not meet as an entire staff, members work in smaller article-editing groups editing their articles. Each article-editing group works on one article per semester from acceptance to publication, and as a result every staffer has the opportunity to suggest substantive revisions, edit content and make technical changes. These weekly meetings ensure that *JGL* staffers interact with each other on a regular basis, fostering a sense of community that is unique among Columbia journals.
NOTES:

We strongly encourage students to write and submit Notes, but writing a Note is not mandatory. There are two Notes Editors on JGL’s Executive Board who can provide extensive guidance and assistance during the process. Further, JGL has an Advisory Board comprised of many members of the faculty who are knowledgeable about gender's intersection with different fields of law and are willing to serve as advisers for staffers who do choose to write Notes. As part of our non-hierarchical structure, we publish student-written Notes as articles and do not distinguish them in any way from works by professors.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

In keeping with our non-competitive philosophy, we do not require students to submit their transcripts. Instead, we require only a personal statement, writing sample, and resume. JGL will be participating in the Early Application process and asks that students follow the general directions provided and submit applications on LawNet by April 20. During the regular application process in May, JGL asks that students submit a one-page personal statement expressing your interest and commitment to JGL, a 5-10 page writing sample (this may be your piece for the writing component or any other legal writing you have done), and a resume. These applications should be submitted on LawNet by May 26. Please contact Sarah Mac Dougall, Editor-in-Chief 2015-2016, at sarah.macdougall@law.columbia.edu with any questions or concerns.

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COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW

The Columbia Human Rights Law Review is unique among Columbia’s law journals in that it combines advocacy with legal scholarship. In addition to three issues of the journal per year, HRLR publishes and sells A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual. Staff editors are involved in every aspect of the production and publication of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review and A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual, which means every member of the HRLR team is given an opportunity to develop practical and professional skills while contributing substantially to the advancement of human rights.

THE JOURNAL

Not only was the Columbia Human Rights Law Review (HRLR) the first law journal dedicated to addressing fundamental questions related to human welfare and dignity, it remains the finest—HRLR is the highest ranked human rights law journal in the world. HRLR publishes both professional articles and student notes that focus on domestic and international human rights. Due to HRLR’s expansive view of human rights, our articles cover a wide range of topics and are considered a valuable resource for academics and practitioners alike. In both journal articles and court decisions, HRLR is the most-cited human rights journal. More judges have cited to the HRLR than to any other specialized law journal at Columbia in the past two decades.

HRLR has published works by prominent authors, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Marvin E. Frankel, Arthur C. Helton, Louis Henkin, Michael Posner, Mary Robinson, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Jack Greenberg. In addition, HRLR enjoys a wide circulation—our subscribers are individuals, institutions, human rights organizations, and libraries in over forty countries. By virtue of both the quality and breadth of its articles, and the wide audience that is reached, the Columbia Human Rights Law Review makes a truly profound contribution to the field of human rights.

This year is especially exciting because we are publishing a symposium edition in collaboration with the Columbia Human Rights Institute. The topic of this issue is the relationship between the United States’ “War on Terror” and human rights law. We are excited about the scholarship this topic is sure to produce.

A JAILHOUSE LAWYER’S MANUAL

A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual (JLM), first published by the HRLR staff in 1978, is a nationally renowned legal resource that assists prisoners with navigating the U.S. legal system. The JLM is unique among law school journals in that rather than an academic publication, it is a practical handbook designed to inform prisoners—many of whom have no access to legal assistance—how best to enforce their rights. The JLM has over forty chapters covering subjects such as how to bring a § 1983 action, the right to be free from assault in prison, and special issues for prisoners with disabilities. The HRLR staff publishes the main JLM once every three years, and delivers more than one thousand manuals per year to prisoners, institutions, libraries, and legal practitioners. This year, HRLR staff will publish JLM supplements for prisoners in Louisiana and Florida as part of an ongoing initiative to expand prisoners’ access to the JLM.

In 1992, Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, wrote a foreword to the JLM. Recognizing its importance to prisoners and the legal community, Justice Marshall wrote: “By making difficult and sensitive legal issues accessible to the lay person, the manual helps to empower prisoners to exercise a right we, as a society, hold dear—the right to speak for oneself. I commend Columbia’s law students for publishing so comprehensive and insightful a manual. A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual should be read by everyone involved in, or concerned about, prisoners’ rights.”
SECOND-YEAR STAFF EDITORS

Writing Requirement – All HRLR staff editors must fulfill a writing requirement by either developing an original note or working on substantive additions and changes to the JLM. Third-year editors will individually assist every staff member to complete this project. For those who choose to write a note, each note will be considered for publication in HRLR. We publish six student notes every year. Those notes that are not published will also be considered for HRLR Online.

Weekly Assignments – Each week, HRLR staff editors will complete one assignment on behalf of one of our publications. The substantive production work done by our staff editors is critical to maintaining publications of our caliber. Assignments can include tasks such as substantive editing, checking citations, proofreading, and working in the JLM office.

HRLR Online – In addition, each staff member will have the opportunity to determine content for one short blog post for HRLR Online. This can include either authoring a piece (e.g. analyzing recent news implicating human rights law, commenting or responding to published works, etc.) or finding content to publish (e.g. interviews with human rights attorneys, speeches and lectures given by human rights attorneys, etc.).

Staff Development – HRLR also provides its staff members with a rich human rights and social justice-oriented community. HRLR members enjoy visits from our contributing authors, participate in human rights service activities, and have opportunities to communicate with prisoners as they navigate the legal system. This year, we are also going to work with staffers who are interested in taking on leadership roles, giving them responsibilities aligned with their interests. Finally, we believe in strong mentorship. Each 2L staffer will each receive a 3L mentor who will provide advice and guidance throughout the year. 3Ls will host panel discussions regarding summer employment, clerkships, and note writing.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted on Lawnet and are due on 05/26/2015. Your name should not appear on any of the documents you submit.

(a) Statement of Interest: Your statement of interest should be 400 – 750 words. As part of this statement, please tell us why you want to serve on the Human Rights Law Review. Additional topics you may wish to highlight: any relevant writing, editing, or Blue Book experience that you will bring to HRLR and the JLM, language fluency that will allow you to understand and cite-check foreign sources, and your specific areas of interest in human rights, civil rights, or prisoners’ rights. If you are interested in working on the Spanish JLM, please include a sentence noting your language abilities and interest. For these purposes, Spanish fluency means that you can produce clear, detailed Spanish translations on complicated legal topics.

(b) Legal Writing Sample: You may submit either the argument section of your moot court brief or the writing component—no preference is given to either format. If you choose your moot court brief, please include the question addressed by your argument section. Writing samples will be evaluated on grammar, writing style and organization, and consistency and correctness of citation.

(c) Language Fluency: If you have proficiency in a foreign language, please indicate this on Lawnet even if you have written about your language skills in the Statement of Interest. This is especially important if you have Spanish fluency and would like to work on the Spanish JLM.

(d) Resume: Your resume should be one page. You must remove your name, but please make sure to include your phone number.

(e) Grades: You must release your grades on Lawnet.
**QUESTIONS**

For information about *HRLR*’s application and staff responsibilities, contact Demi Lorant, Executive Editor, at jdl2166@columbia.edu. For general information about *HRLR* or the *JLM*, contact Brian Yin, Editor-in-Chief, at by2213@columbia.edu. For specific information regarding the *JLM*, contact Kate Morris, *JLM* Editor-in-Chief, at klm2189@columbia.edu. You can also visit our website, www3.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/, to learn more about *HRLR* and the *JLM*.*

*We are undertaking a major overhaul of our website to, among other things, allow publication of our forthcoming online component. As a result, some content will be outdated or unavailable. Pardon the mess – it will be worth it when it is done!*

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The Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts is a storied and preeminent journal for the art, entertainment, sports, intellectual property, and communications industries. Since 1975, we have regularly published the work of illustrious judges, professors, practitioners and critics as well as outstanding law student notes.

The Journal of Law & the Arts covers many fields—published note and article topics have included fine arts, music, theater, photography, film, arts funding, computer software, copyright, trademark, patent, unfair competition, antitrust, labor, contracts, right of publicity, various symposia, and the annual Horace S. Manges Lecture. The Journal also hosts an annual symposium with the Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts.

The Journal is managed entirely by Columbia law students who are responsible for the editorial and production work required to bring each issue of the Journal to fruition.

SECOND-YEAR STAFF EDITORS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **NOTE PROGRAM:** The Journal runs its own Student Note program administered by the Journal’s Executive Notes Editor in conjunction with the Articles/Notes Editors. This (optional) program offers an excellent opportunity for students to get a Note published. The Journal publishes up to two student notes per issue.

2. **EDITORIAL WORK:** You will be part of a team led by an Articles Editor, who will periodically assign cite checking, substantive editing, proofreading, and other production tasks. We also hope to build a spirit of camaraderie between our teams of staffers and editors through regular meetings and activities.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:** A few hours of administrative work may be required of Staff Editors each semester.

In return for your participation on the Journal, as with other journals, you will receive a notation on your transcript. Participation in the Journal’s Note program also can be used to satisfy a major/minor writing credit and can potentially earn you additional academic credit. The Andrew D. Fried Memorial Prize is awarded each year to the best Student Note published by the Journal.

The Journal and its editors regularly receive press invitations to New York cultural events—gallery openings, movies, lectures—which are made available to all members of the Journal staff. In addition, there will be Journal-sponsored social events at which you will get to know the other staff members and alumni events at which you will have the opportunity to network with practitioners in the field.
You can also visit JLA’s website at http://www.lawandarts.org. The website is in its infancy, but we are working to add an extensive back catalogue of issues and build a robust blog. Staffers who are interested in contributing their thoughts on Law and the Arts topics will be welcome to post regularly.

For any questions, please contact Jenna Skoller (Editor-in-Chief) at js4188@columbia.edu.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply to the Journal?

The Journal accepts applications through the regular application process. Interested students must submit a brief statement of interest, first-year grades, a current resume, and a writing sample. The writing sample can be either your argument section of a first-year moot court brief or your writing component brief.

How many Notes are published each year? Do I have to write a Note?

The Journal typically publishes 4 to 6 Notes each year. Although writing a Note is not required by the Journal, it is strongly encouraged and many students choose to write one. A tried and tested process is in place for staffers to work with a Notes editor in order to get the most out of the Note-writing process.

What is the time commitment required?

Staff members will be responsible for approximately six to ten hours of editorial work, twice per semester. Students who choose to write a Note will devote additional time to research and writing. Staff members also have the option to assist with the annual Kernochan symposium in the Spring Semester in return for reduced editorial work.

Why can’t I find the Journal in the library?

It is probably shelved under another name. Until recently the Journal was known as the Columbia-VLA Journal of Law & the Arts. Moreover, the library still catalogues the Journal under the title it was founded under in 1975, Art & the Law. Regardless of title, all volumes are filed together under call number P Ar751.

Why should I join the Journal?

The Journal enjoys a preeminent position in the professional and academic circles of arts, entertainment, intellectual property and communications law. You will have the opportunity to work on cutting-edge articles in these fields and the chance to work with a Notes Editor familiar with areas of interest to you. Most importantly, the Journal attracts fun and laid-back people who tend to be interested in the arts, media and culture more generally.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You may apply to the Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts during the regular application period. To complete your application, please submit the following via the Columbia automated journal application system:

**N.B. Your name should not appear anywhere on your writing sample, personal statement or resume**

1. Legal Writing Sample: Please submit your moot court brief (the statement of facts, stipulations, and your argument section only) or your Law Review writing component submission.

2. Personal Statement: 1-2 pages describing your interest in the Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts and any relevant experiences you have had related to the fields covered by the Journal.

3. Current resume (with your name deleted).

4. First Year Grades.

Applications are due by May 26, 2015.
COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

BACKGROUND

The Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems (JLSP), established in 1965, is one of the oldest legal publications at Columbia Law School. Since its founding, one of the JLSP’s missions has been to remind its readers of the law’s responsibility to serve the public good. To that end, the journal emphasizes the sociological, economic, and political impact of legal issues. As a result, the JLSP’s target audience includes not only judges and lawyers but also Congress, state legislatures, regulatory agencies, and members of the public.

FACTS

The JLSP is the only Columbia journal that is entirely student-written. Thus, members have an excellent chance to publish a Note. As a general interest journal, the JLSP covers a broad area of “law and social problems,” and serves as a forum for students interested in several legal areas, interested in a legal area not covered by any other journal, or uncertain about their particular area of interest. This general interest publication is valued in the legal community, as is reflected by the JLSP’s numerous citations by the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership on the JLSP offers a valuable social and educational opportunity. Following the required training session, second-year staff members will begin their editorial assignments. From editing the content of the Notes, to checking the substantive and formal accuracy of the citations, second-year staff members are vital to the editorial process. These detail-oriented responsibilities not only contribute to the generation of the JLSP but also provide practical experience for staff members. Most importantly, all of our staff members are required to research and write a Note on an original topic for potential publication. Many take this opportunity to satisfy their major writing requirement or receive independent research credit.

At the end of their second year, students may choose to serve in a wide array of positions on the JLSP Editorial Board. The editors supervise the writing, editing, administrative, and production processes of the JLSP. For their work, JLSP editors receive an academic credit each semester of their third year. Published authors also receive an academic credit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Early Application Process: This year, the JLSP will offer the early application process in addition to the regular application process. Early Application will be targeted towards students who are very enthusiastic about joining the JLSP. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of a legal writing sample, first semester grades, a resume, and a statement of interest that is no longer than one double-spaced page. Interested applicants should submit applications via LawNet by April 20.

Regular Application Process: Although we prefer that all other candidates participate in the writing component, we do not require participation in the writing component. Candidates who do not participate in the Early Application process may apply either by participating in the writing component or by submitting a legal writing sample. With your application, please include a statement of interest, no longer than one double-
spaced page, on any topic that you believe provides some insight into your personality, creativity, or life experiences. Additionally, please release your grades on LawNet. If you do not participate in the writing component, you still must submit your grades. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their writing component or writing sample, first year grades, statement of interest, and resume.

**QUESTIONS**

For further information, please feel free to contact Peter Berg (Editor-in-Chief), pnberg1@gmail.com, or Taly Matityahu (Executive Staff Editor), tgm2107@columbia.edu. We also encourage you to visit our website at www.columbia.edu/cu/jlsp/.

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About the Review

Founded in 1901, the Columbia Law Review is one of the most cited legal journals in the country. We publish eight issues a year, containing articles, essays, and book reviews written by professors and practitioners, as well as student Notes. Sidebar, our online component, publishes responses to print-edition pieces, independent scholarly works, and student Comments on recent legal developments.

Members of the Review select those pieces for publication, engage authors in a thorough, substantive editorial process, and manage the publication business. In the process, members are exposed to a breadth of cutting-edge legal scholarship and are provided an opportunity to sharpen research, writing, and analytical skills. Most of all, the Review is a close-knit and diverse community. Members support and encourage each others’ professional aspirations in law, as well as other aspects of work and life at the law school, including class preparation, job interviews, and clerkship applications.

The Commitment

The Columbia Law Review is a two-year commitment. During the first year, members participate in the editorial process by providing substantive feedback for authors. Members typically will spend between 12 to 18 hours per week on editorial duties, which end well in advance of final exams. During the second year, students have the opportunity to become a member of the Administrative Board or continue their work as a Senior Editor with a reduced editorial work-load. Although the time commitment is significant, the Review respects other aspects of members’ lives. Members regularly participate in other activities, including acting as student organization leaders, first-year moot court editors, and teaching and research assistants.

All new members must return on Monday, July 27, for Orientation and to begin editorial duties. In the past, summer employers, including firms, fellowships, and public interest organizations, have readily released members from work obligations to attend Orientation. HRIP does so and permits students to receive their full stipend. Furthermore, Orientation will not interfere with the Early Interview Program. If Orientation requires arduous travel or work modifications: Do not worry—we will help you make arrangements.

The Note Requirement

2L members are also required to author a student Note for possible publication in the Columbia Law Review. Authoring a Note provides Review members with a unique opportunity to create a substantive piece of academic scholarship in any area of academic interest under the guidance of a Note Editor and faculty advisor. Many members have remarked that their Note-writing experience was the most intellectually rewarding experience of their tenure at Columbia Law School.

Application Checklist:

Now:
Check out Review recruitment and informational events (calendar below)

May 15 (12 PM EST):
Register on LawNet and obtain LawNet registration number

Download complete application packet on LawNet

May 26 (12 PM EST):
Turn in on LawNet: (1) writing component entry, (2) personal statement, and (3) voluntary basic personal information form
Also, you must rank the Columbia Law Review as your first choice on LawNet

July 6 (AM):
Offer calls

July 27:
Orientation
Membership Selection

Application Packet. — The application for the Columbia Law Review requires submission of three elements: (1) the writing component, (2) a personal statement, and (3) a voluntary basic personal information form. Following initial LawNet registration, the complete application packet will become available for download on LawNet at 12 PM EST on Friday, May 15, and must be submitted on LawNet by 12 PM EST on Tuesday, May 26. The packet will include all Review application materials and information, including the writing component, as well as general journal application information. To apply, you must also rank the Review as your first choice. Doing so does not affect your chances of being matched with another journal if you are not accepted to the Review.

Extensions. — Extensions to the application deadline will not be granted, except under truly extraordinary circumstances. Such circumstances do not include travel, computer or internet failure, or most physical illnesses. Requests for extensions must be made directly, and as early as possible, to Krystina Ho, Editor-in-Chief (eic@columbialawreview.org).

Offers. — On July 6, the Review will offer 45 current 1Ls membership. Applicants offered spots should respond by midnight of that day. 15 staff members are selected solely on the basis of the writing component entry. Remaining members are selected after careful consideration of their writing component, grades, and the personal statement. We mean this quite seriously: Grades alone never determine or preclude admission to the Review.

About the Writing Component

Contents. — The writing component consists of (1) a prompt that asks you to write a brief or bench memo in response to a presented legal question and fact pattern, and (2) a Bluebook exercise. The writing component is a closed universe problem: All required information (including excerpts of relevant Bluebook rules) will be included in the packet, and you will not be able to consult outside persons or sources. In the past, the component has ranged from 40 to 80 pages. Written submissions prompt are strictly capped, usually at around 3,000 words.

Preparation. — Because topics vary from year to year, and because all usable information is provided, it is not possible to prepare in advance. Likewise, it is not helpful to “practice” with the Bluebook. The Bluebook exercise will be structured to test general reference ability and it will not advantage you to practice. The Bluebook exercise is weighed less heavily than the written portion.

Time Commitment. — The writing component is not designed to take close to all eleven days. Rather, the timeframe is designed to accommodate students who may be traveling or working (or who need a break after exams) so that they will not be disadvantaged. Please gauge for yourself how much time you believe it would take you to craft a well-organized and sophisticated piece, and to complete the Bluebook exercise, as that time varies from person to person. Successful applicants often spend between two and five days.

For Students in Special Academic Programs

Joint Degrees. — Applicants enrolled in a joint degree program may apply for the Review only if the applicant: (1) can fulfill the two-year commitment to the Review; and (2) will be physically present in New York City during his or her first year on the Review.
Semester Abroad Programs. — The Review permits its members to spend a semester outside of New York for one semester during the second year of their two-year commitment. Interest in these programs does not affect one’s application. However, members must nonetheless fulfill the complete editorial obligations of their second-year commitment and are also ordinarily not eligible for a position on the Administrative Board.

Foreign Double-Degree Programs. — Foreign double-degree candidates may apply for the Review only if the applicant can fulfill the two-year commitment to the Review. However, the Review accepts a maximum of two foreign double-degree candidates, and those members will not be eligible for a position on the Administrative Board. Foreign double-degree candidates beyond the first two who meet criteria for admission will be given an option to join the Review by removing themselves from present or future consideration for the foreign double-degree program.

Other Questions?

If you still have unanswered questions, please follow up by visiting our FAQ at http://www.columbialawreview.org/membership/faq

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We sincerely hope that all of you consider applying for membership on the Columbia Law Review! If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Krystina Ho, Editor-in-Chief (eic@columbialawreview.org), Rebecca Yergin, Executive Notes Editor (ene@columbialawreview.org), or any other person on the Review whom you know.

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Columbia Journal of Race and Law

ABOUT CJRL

Established in 2010, the Columbia Journal of Race and Law (CJRL) is the newest addition to Columbia Law School’s rich tradition of scholarly publications. Our mission is to establish a dialogue on historic and contemporary notions of socio-political and legal challenges facing racial and ethnic minorities. We recognize the intersectionalities between racial and ethnic groups and other prominent areas of legal discourse and prioritize this dialogue to better understand contemporary issues and new ideas that advance social progress.

CJRL seeks to publish articles that make a substantive contribution to issues such as affirmative action, immigration, employment law, community development, criminal law, political participation, education, and environmental justice. We also seek to broaden the discourse around race, including discussions of ethnic minorities in America and the role of race and ethnicity in conflicts across the globe. CJRL is committed to publishing articles that inspire new thought, explore new alternatives, and contribute to the current jurisprudence and public policy.

In its first three years, CJRL has become a leader among its peers. CJRL’s programming is unique in that it extends the conversation beyond the pages of our issue and into other arenas, including conferences, lectures, and online discussion portals. We also plan to develop a program that solicits and distributes essays on topics related to race and diversity from practicing attorneys and to develop a dynamic web-based component that includes article discussions, blogs and short essays.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

For those looking for a smaller journal with an intimate, collegial environment, CJRL is for you. It is an entrepreneurial journal that welcomes staffers who wish to shape the future and direction of CJRL. By engaging with academic scholarship and exploring issues affecting social justice, staffers will enhance their legal education while helping to bring issues of race and law to the forefront of legal academia.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Staffers are assigned to work on two pieces per issue and are responsible for gathering sources, checking citations, and blue-booking. Staffers also meet in small groups to critique the articles and suggest substantive changes for the authors.

In addition to their editorial responsibilities, each staffer is required to research and write a paper on a topic that relates to race and the law. Staff members can fulfill this writing requirement by writing a Note or an alternative writing project that meets the Major Writing Requirement.
All staffers are strongly encouraged to write a Note. CJRL employs a structured process that enables staffers to explore a topic of great interest, while fulfilling their major writing credit. CJRL has two Notes Editors whose sole responsibility is to guide staffers throughout the writing process. This includes assistance in developing a topic, finding a professor to advise the note, and advice on how to structure 2L year in order to maximize the benefits of the writing project. All Notes will be seriously considered for publication.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**Early Application:** The early application deadline is **Monday, April 20rd at 4:00pm EDT**. Please submit the following via LawNet:

1. Your Moot Court Brief argument section.
2. A personal statement (1-2 pages) describing your specific interest in CJRL and any relevant experiences that you feel may assist us in evaluating your application.
3. Your current resume.

**Regular Application:** The regular application deadline is **Tuesday, May 26th, at 12:00pm EDT**. Regular applications will follow the LawNet submissions process. For the regular application process, you will need (the same as the Early Application process):

1. Your Moot Court Brief argument section or Writing Component submission.
2. A personal statement (1-2 pages) describing your specific interest in CJRL and any relevant experiences that you feel may assist us in evaluating your application.
3. Your current resume.

**QUESTIONS?**

For questions about CJRL, please contact Ashok Chandran (Editor-in-Chief) at ashok.g.chandran@gmail.com.

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Early Applications: Resume, Personal Statement, Writing Sample
Regular Applications: Resume, Personal Statement, Writing Sample

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The Columbia Science and Technology Law Review (STLR) engages thought-provoking issues at the intersection of cutting-edge technology, policy, and the law.

About STLR

STLR is among the preeminent science and technology law journals in the country. While we are a traditional journal (past authors include Professor Richard A. Merrill and Professor Richard Epstein), our innovative and evolving use of the Web and new media sets us apart. As with every other journal, STLR emphasizes the skills—bluebooking, legal research, and writing—that are critical for law-related employment. Our strengths, however, go beyond these traditional bounds.

We were the first journal at Columbia to run a blog in addition to our journal, and we have had our blog posts published on popular websites such as Engadget. We encourage our 2Ls to produce timely commentary on recent legal issues, using our blog as a platform to reach the online legal community immediately. We continue to aggressively seek new outlets for our scholarship so that we can make our work more accessible to lawyers, academics, and students everywhere.

Our goal is to help our authors reach a wide range of readers and to give our 2Ls opportunities to have real impact on the legal community.

What makes STLR different?

No other journal at Columbia exclusively covers legal issues in science and technology. Each year, the scope of our journal broadens—in our recent Fall 2014 issue, we published articles on cloud computing, bitcoin trading, and 3D printing. Moreover, we often publish articles that explore the implications of technology on traditional legal fields such as contracts, evidence, and tax. For example, past articles have discussed the impact of functional neuroimaging on tort doctrine and have analyzed the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in the context of Internet fraud. Technological change inevitably gives rise to unprecedented legal issues as our social institutions race to adapt. STLR will continue to be at the forefront of those discussions.

Lastly, we prize innovation. We actively seek to redefine what it means to be a law journal in the digital age. For example, we recently introduced a fully web-based production system that has minimized the administrative overhead involved in producing our journal. This has allowed us to concentrate our efforts on delivering high quality scholarship to our audience directly and immediately.

Bottom line: if you are interested in participating in innovative forms of scholarship while still retaining the best attributes of more traditional journals, then STLR will be perfect for you.

Achievements and Goals

- We are CLS’s first Open Access Law Journal. Our license agreements give authors more control over their works, which improves the quality of our submissions and increases the number of citations we receive per article. As print subscriptions to law journals are phased out, we envision most law journals will transition to this format.

- We successfully piloted a program with the Columbia Law Library to create a permanent digital archive of our journal. The library plans to create similar archives for other journals.
While we have long been leaders in online legal scholarship, we continue to pursue partnerships with widely read technology websites, such as Engadget, Ars Technica, and CNET, thereby allowing our legal scholarship to reach an even wider audience.

Do staff members need a technical or science background?

Staff members do not need a technical or science background—in fact, the majority of our 2014-2015 staff did not. Staff members only need a passion for exploring the novel legal issues relating to technological change. Our staff and board members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, and they all possess skills that are valuable in different ways.

What will my responsibilities be as a staff member?

Your responsibilities as a staffer are twofold: working on the blog and editing articles. Staff members, when editing, will have traditional journal responsibilities—editing, cite checking, and critiquing journal articles. Staff members, when working on the blog, will research and write blog posts as well as edit other staffers’ posts.

What is the opt-in note requirement?

While STLR does not have a note requirement, we will ensure that staffers committed to writing a note will be able to make the most of their work. Staffers who choose to write a note will receive significant guidance from our Notes Editor throughout the process. This includes assistance with scheduling, choosing note topics, finding faculty advisors, and potentially publishing in STLR or another law journal. At the end of the year, STLR awards the best student note submission a $500 prize from the Julius Silver Program in Law, Science and Technology.

Application Requirements

- Your moot court brief, law review writing component submission, or an equivalent piece of legal writing. If you use your moot court brief, please remove your partner’s sections.
- Your résumé.
- A statement of interest describing yourself and why you want to be on our journal. If you are applying early, please limit your statement to 500 words. If you are applying during the regular cycle, please limit your statement to no more than two pages, double-spaced.

Application Instructions

STLR participates in both the early and regular application cycles. We require the above-listed materials and follow the procedures on LawNet for journal admission. Please contact us at recruiting.stlr@gmail.com if you have questions.

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ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The Columbia Journal of Tax Law provides scholars, practitioners, and policy makers with a forum for pioneering ideas in tax law—a discipline that touches many of the pressing social and economic issues of our time.

We publish two issues each year featuring scholarly articles, shorter works on current policy topics, and student notes. Unlike any other tax publication, the Columbia Journal of Tax Law aims to bridge the worlds of theory and practice and provide Columbia Law School a meaningful voice in the tax law debate.

For a firsthand look at the Columbia Journal of Tax Law, you can access our past issues online at taxlawjournal.columbia.edu.

WHY THIS JOURNAL IS FOR YOU

Tax law involves subjects that appeal to individuals with many different backgrounds, interests, and aspirations. We realize that you may not have had much exposure to tax law, but that is not a problem. Tax is a dynamic area of the law and its societal implications continue to be at the forefront of political and scholarly debate. Regardless of your background or future plans, we invite you to explore this area of law as a member of our staff. Our members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, including the arts, economics, engineering, history, public policy, and philosophy. We encourage applicants of diverse talents and perspectives and emphasize that quantitative skills are not necessary for journal participation.

The Columbia Journal of Tax Law offers uniquely substantive responsibilities to 2L staff members. We welcome the participation of 2L staff members in the editorial process of choosing articles for the Spring Issue of the Journal. Additionally, while we do not require members to write a note, we strongly encourage it. If you are interested in doing so, our 3L notes editor will work closely with you throughout the topic selection and drafting process, whether or not the note is geared towards publication in the Journal. We publish student notes each year, accepting both spring and fall submissions to give students more time to take substantive tax courses, formulate a topic, and write. The student note is a great way to distinguish yourself professionally to prospective and current employers.

The Columbia Journal of Tax Law is committed to an innovative view of the 2L journal experience. Our articles editors, with whom the 2L staff will primarily be working, were chosen for their interest in making the Journal experience more academic, supportive, and transparent. We want you to know what you are committing to, and to make sure that your assignments enrich rather than overwhelm your semesters. We will help members of the journal negotiate 2L year, with advice on EIP, choosing classes, and working the pre-registration system.
HOW TO APPLY

We accept both early and regular applications. To apply early, you must submit your application per the instructions below via LawNet by April 20th. The regular application requires the same documents and is also submitted via LawNet along with other journal applications in May. You do not have to participate in the writing component to apply to the Columbia Journal of Tax Law.

To apply early, please submit the following materials via LawNet:

1. Writing sample. We will accept any piece of legal writing in Bluebook form, e.g., Legal Practice Workshop memo or brief or (for regular applicants) your writing component submission.

2. Statement of interest. In 500 words or less, please provide us with any information you feel would be helpful in our decision.

3. A current resume.

For more information please contact taxjournal@law.columbia.edu.

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Now in its fifty-fourth year, the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law (JTL) is the second oldest student-run international law journal in the nation. JTL was founded in 1961 by the late Wolfgang Friedmann, one of Columbia’s most renowned international law professors, and today it is the second most cited journal at Columbia. Writings that appear in JTL are regularly cited by academics, practitioners and courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Recent surveys of prominent international law faculty have placed JTL in the highest tier of international law journals, alongside its peer publications at Harvard and Yale.

Each year JTL publishes three issues, which contain articles by legal scholars and practitioners, student notes, book reviews and bibliographic materials. JTL’s purpose is to provide the practicing bar and the academic community with insight into the evolving problems of an increasingly interdependent world.

**Publication and Staff Responsibilities:** The journal’s publication process is entirely student-run. Student editors review submissions, select pieces for publication and work directly with authors and staffers throughout the publication process. Staffers are assigned to work on one or two pieces per issue and are responsible for gathering sources, checking citations, blue-booking and copyediting. Each year, JTL awards prizes to multiple staffers for outstanding production work. Additionally, each member of the Editorial board will choose a staffer to help with executing their responsibilities and work closely with them throughout the year.

**Note Requirement and Writing Prizes:** Staffers are required to submit a note for consideration in the spring of their second year. These notes are often the outgrowth of seminar papers on international or comparative law issues. JTL editors select between six and eight notes for publication. Every year, JTL presents Student Writing Prizes in Comparative and International Law for the three best notes chosen for publication, prizes for outstanding staffers, and the Neil McDonell Memorial Prize for outstanding senior editors.

**Special Events:** JTL hosts the annual Wolfgang Friedmann Memorial Award Banquet, in honor of its founder. The award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to international law. In the past, JTL has honored Lori Damrosch, Philip C. Jessup, Oscar Schachter, Rosalyn Higgins, Louis Henkin, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Sandra Day O’Connor, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, and Aryeh Neier. In addition, JTL holds several events—including parties following the publication of each issue—throughout the academic year for students, faculty advisors and alumni. These events provide journal members with a peer support network, as well as professional and academic contacts.

**Application Procedure:** JTL is not participating in the early application process and will instead participate in the regular online application process from May 15-26. Participation in the Columbia Law Review writing exercise is optional. Applications consist of the following materials:
- Resume
- Writing Sample (argument section of moot court brief or writing component piece)
- Personal Statement
- First year transcript
- Languages spoken (optional)

Applications are reviewed anonymously and no previous international law experience is necessary. Successful applicants are offered staff positions in mid-summer. On average, JTL has fifty staffers per year.

**For More Information:** Please visit our website at jtl.columbia.edu, or contact Alexander Ely at alexander.ely@law.columbia.edu or Ethan Merel at ethan.merel@law.columbia.edu. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your applications!

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