



Loyola Law Journal

Guide on Why and How to Apply

What are Journals? What is Law Review?

- Journals are student organizations that write, edit, and publish academic articles.
- Law review is a general term used to refer to a law school's main journal.
- At LUC, our law review is "Loyola Law Journal."
- Being a member provides one ungraded credit per semester.

Why Should I Apply?

- Hone Your Legal Skills — Law review provides a unique opportunity to practice research and writing skills beyond basic writing courses.
- Impress a Future Employer — Law review is often requested, and sometimes required, by Big Law firms and federal clerkships.
- Get Published — Select student articles are chosen each semester for publication.

How Do I Apply?

- Applicants have ten days to complete a two-step application process:
 1. Write a 12-15 page note (double-spaced); applicants are provided a 400-page packet of twenty sources.
 2. Complete a footnote editing exercise.
- Applications are scored by journal members: 25% GPA + 75% Note + FN Exercise

What's the Commitment?

- Two Big Responsibilities:
 1. Help cite check and source other articles (approx. 2x/semester)
 2. Write your own article (fall semester; 45 page minimum double spaced)

When Do I Apply?

- May 10 — Write-on packet released on Sakai
 - Applicants select a ten-day period to complete their write-on packet.
 - May 31 — final day to submit write-on packet
 - July — membership offers extended
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How Do I Get on Journal?

At the end of your 1L year (or third semester for Weekend-JD Students), those who are in the top 5% of their Class are automatically invited to join Journal if they submit a written petition. Only those who participate in the competition will be eligible to grade-on.

The rest of Journal comprises students who complete the “write on process.” On May 10, 2021, a write-on packet is released on Sakai. The application remains available until the end of the month (May 31, 2021), during which applicants may choose any ten-day period to participate in write-on. Applicants must submit their materials within ten days of opening the write-on packet on Sakai.

The write-on process includes two exercises: writing a 12-15 page journal article called a “note” and editing a series of footnotes for compliance with the Bluebook. The write-on process also factors in your grades.

Weight of Write-On Components:

- Write-On Packet (75% of score)
 - Writing a 12-15 page note (double spaced) = 2/3 of score
 - Footnote editing exercise = 1/3 of score
- Grades (25% of score)
 - 25% of your “score” is based on your GPA after finishing your 1L year (or 3rd semester for weekend students). A minimum GPA of 2.67 is required.

What is Expected from Journal Members?

- At least one year of membership (fall and spring):
 - Semester 1:
 - Orientation during the summer; July 25, 2021
 - Writing your note (minimum of 45-page(s) double spaced)
 - Two rounds of sourcing, cite checking, and page proofing
 - Semester 2
 - Two rounds of sourcing, cite checking, and page proofing

Sourcing, Cite Checking, and Page Proofing

- You will be assigned ~four articles per year. Each article has between 100-300 footnotes, and each footnote needs to be appropriately sourced and edited to Bluebook standards.
- For each article you will have 3 assignments each spanning about 1-2 weeks. We work in teams, so you are only responsible for a section of approximately 30-40 sources. A description of each is below:
 - Assignment 1: Locating and downloading the sources mentioned in each footnote and highlighting where in the article the author’s assertion can be found.
 - Assignment 1b: Proofing the text for grammatical errors and editing the footnotes for your first assigned “section”. This includes adding parenthetical explanations where they are lacking.
 - Assignment 2: Editing the footnotes for another section
 - Assignment 3: Editing the footnotes for another section

Tips for Editing Journal Footnotes

Footnote Editing Example:

Original:

See Kolkevich v. AG of the United States., 501 F.3d 323, 337 n.9 (3d Cir. 2007);

Corrected:

See Kolkevich v. Att’y Gen. of the U.S., 501 F.3d 323, 337–38 n.9 (3d Cir. 2007) (explaining that a new interpretation of federal law is controlling retroactively to all cases that are open on direct review at the time the rule is announced);

Common edits you will make:

- Adding parenthetical explanations to citations
- Editing case names to bluebook abbreviation standards
- Checking the source document to ensure pages are correctly cited

Resources

Please fill out this form for addition to our Sakai page and access to the Spring 2021 competition, and access to a recording of our information sessions: <https://forms.gle/btvWrbtb15kBxVV57>

Loyola University Chicago Law Journal Website:

<http://blogs.luc.edu/lawjournal/>

The Bluebook Online:

<https://www.legalbluebook.com/login>

The Chicago Manual of Style:

<https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

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