



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 junior 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 400-500-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 14 — Write-On packet released on Sakai
 - Applicants select a ten-day period to complete their write-on packet.
 - June 4 — 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 fourth 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. In other words, only those who participate in the competition will be eligible to grade-on.

The majority of Journal members receive an offer to join Journal based on write-on scores.

On May 14, 2022, a write-on packet is released on Sakai. The application remains available until June 4, 2022, 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 4th semester for weekend students). A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

What is Expected from Journal Members?

- At least one year of membership (fall and spring):
 - Semester 1:
 - Mandatory Orientation during the summer; Date: July 10, 2022
 - 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 30-50 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 May 2021 competition:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxjFs1SoU5e4FZDfn4uFL9IIqOcRni3YTrXCjZ82n1gCqPw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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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