

2024 Transfer Journal Competition: Info Session

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Welcome!

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Journal Overview

What is a journal?

- A collection of scholarly publications that are focused on legal issues and read by the legal community
 - Publications include articles (written by lawyers) and Notes (written by students)
- Journals are organized (and often run) by students

Why join a journal?

- Improve skills including writing, editing, and citation
- Opportunity for leadership experience
- Resume / employment considerations
- Join a community and network
- Opportunity to be published
- Satisfy upper-level writing requirement

General Requirements of Journal Membership

1. Members are required to have **four semesters** of journal membership.
 - Members earn one credit per semester (four credits total)
 - There is **no partial credit****** (if you withdraw you receive NC)
1. Members are required to write a **Note** which is a 8,000 word minimum student-written research paper on a chosen topic
 - Note topics are chosen by the student, subject to journal approval
 - This satisfies the upper-level writing requirement
1. Members are required to complete **production assignments**
 - Journals require weekly or monthly assignments to help with production (e.g., citation checks, source collection) - amounts depend on the specific journal

The 10 Journals at GW

Journals participating in the Transfer Competition:

- American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal (AIPLA)
 - EIC: Matthew Scharfenberger (aipla.submissions@law.gwu.edu)
- GW Business & Finance Law Review (BFLR)
 - EIC: XX (bflr.eic@law.gwu.edu)
- Federal Circuit Bar Journal (FCBJ)
 - EIC: C.J. Onis (fcbj.eic@law.gwu.edu)
- GW International Law Review (GWILR)
 - EIC: Brooke Miller (eic.gwilr@law.gwu.edu)
- GW Law Review (GWLR)
 - EIC: Stephanie Sauer (gwlr@law.gwu.edu)
- GW Journal of Energy and Environmental Law (JEEL)
 - EIC: XX (jeel.eic@law.gwu.edu)
- Public Contract Law Journal (PCLJ)
 - EIC: Byan Dewan (pclj.eic@law.gwu.edu)

Journals participating Continued:

- GW Journal of Law and Technology (JOLT)
 - Rix Ryskamp (gwjolt@law.gwu.edu)

Journals NOT participating in the Transfer Competition:

- Federal Communications Law Journal (FCLJ)
 - EIC: Addison Spencer (fclj.eic@law.gwu.edu)
- International Law in Domestic Courts Journal (ILDC)
 - EIC: Raisa Shah (ildc.eic@law.gwu.edu)

****NOTE: See the “Journal Information Guide” on the website for more information about the journals

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Eligibility for the Journal Competition

- The Competition is open to students with **four (4)** remaining semesters
- This is the **ONLY** way to apply for a Journal
- No student may participate in the GW Journal Competition more than once

****Any questions regarding the above information and how it applies to your specific situation should be directed to the Dean of Students Office****

Journal Competition Steps

1. Register for the competition
 - done in the website at **any time starting August 1**
1. Complete the competition (96 hours)
 - Opens: 8/15 @ 9am | Deadline: 8/19 @ 9am
1. Submit journal rankings in the website
 - Deadline: 8/22 @ 11:59pm
1. Submit supplemental materials (*optional; see supplemental materials doc*)
 - Deadline: 8/22 @ 11:59pm
2. Complete contact information form
 - Deadline: 8/22 @ 11:59pm
1. Notification of journal membership decision on 09/01
2. Add/Drop period: Must accept or decline offer from journal by then and add the journal as a class: 09/03

Step 1. Website

The competition is run through the GW Write On Competition Website. You must register for the competition on the left-hand side of the page.

This is where every portion of the competition will take place, apart from the contact information google form.

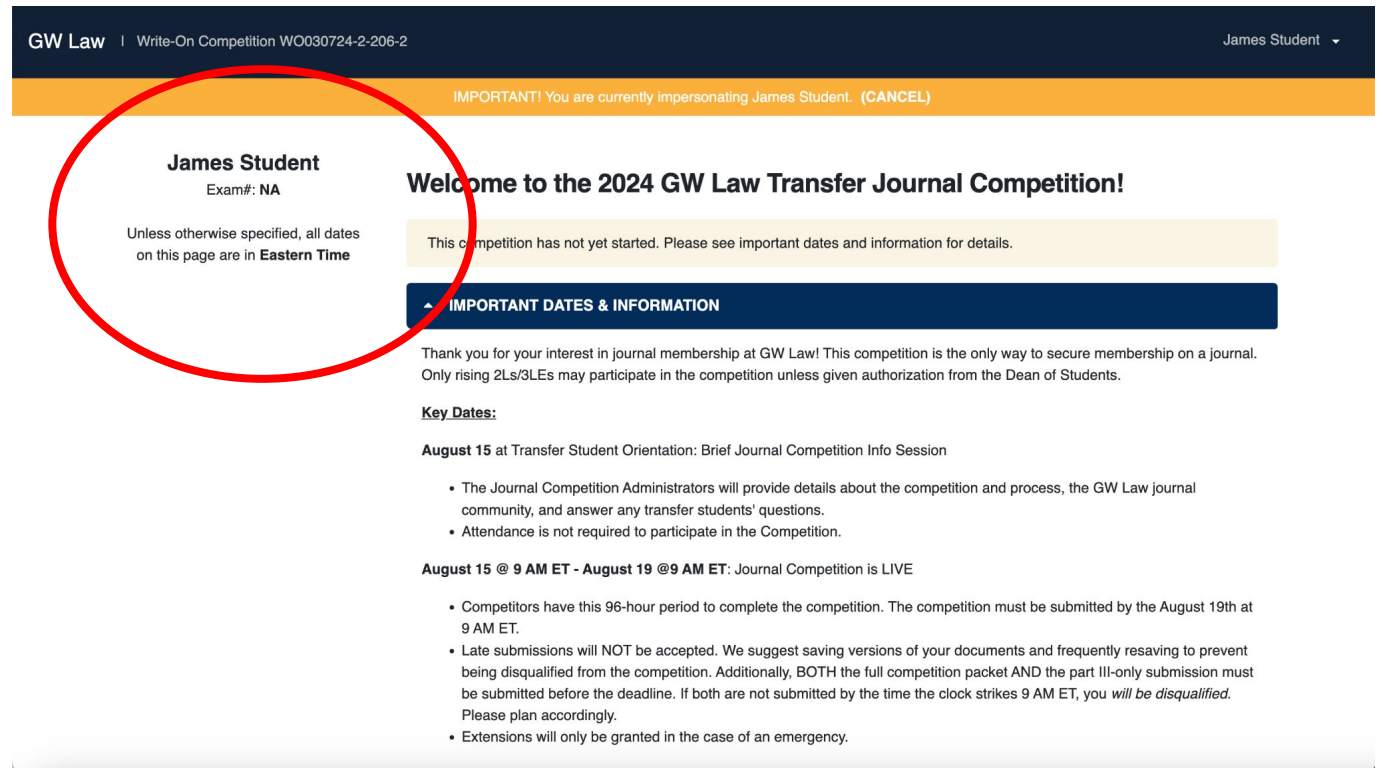
- ALL journal and competition information will be posted here
- The competition packet will be released here
- The competition packet, supplemental materials, and journal preference rankings must be uploaded to the website (we do NOT take submissions that are emailed directly)

Step 1. How to Register for the competition

Through the website

1. Navigate to the [website](#) (the link to the website has been included on MyLaw, in Dean of students communications, and the journal competition instructions packet)

1. Main homepage on the left hand side, there will be a register button



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James Student
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▶ IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in journal membership at GW Law! This competition is the only way to secure membership on a journal. Only rising 2Ls/3LEs may participate in the competition unless given authorization from the Dean of Students.

Key Dates:

August 15 at Transfer Student Orientation: Brief Journal Competition Info Session

- The Journal Competition Administrators will provide details about the competition and process, the GW Law journal community, and answer any transfer students' questions.
- Attendance is not required to participate in the Competition.

August 15 @ 9 AM ET - August 19 @ 9 AM ET: Journal Competition is LIVE

- Competitors have this 96-hour period to complete the competition. The competition must be submitted by the August 19th at 9 AM ET.
- Late submissions will NOT be accepted. We suggest saving versions of your documents and frequently resaving to prevent being disqualified from the competition. Additionally, BOTH the full competition packet AND the part III-only submission must be submitted before the deadline. If both are not submitted by the time the clock strikes 9 AM ET, you *will be disqualified*. Please plan accordingly.
- Extensions will only be granted in the case of an emergency.

Step 2. Register for the Competition

- You must complete this [Google Form](#) that will capture all your competitor contact information.
- The deadline for this is August 22 at 11:59pm.



2024 Transfer Journal Competition Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Transfer Journal Competition. You may only participate in this competition if you are a Rising 2L Day student. You may only submit this form ONCE. **This form is due by Sunday, August 22nd at 11:59PM ET.** Please reach to gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu with any questions!

Step 3. Key Competition Rules

- You will have **96 hours to complete the competition**. The competition is designed to only take 16 hours to complete (and edit/review).
- This is a **CLOSE-PACKET** competition. You may *only* use a Bluebook (hard or electronic), the Competition Packet, and Competition Template. Use of *any* outside materials including, but not limited to, citation software, Westlaw, Lexis, tip sheets, generative AI, or any online research is absolutely prohibited and **will result in disqualification**.
- You **may not collaborate** with anyone or access past competition files. Do not discuss the competition with anyone (including those not competing).

Step 3. Key Competition Rules (cont'd)

- You must **remove all metadata** from your submissions. Only submit it with your Packet ID as identifying information. Journal selection is done entirely *anonymously*. Failure to properly remove metadata will result in a penalty.
- You must use the provided template for the competition and submit the document as a **Word file**. The document should be named only your Packet ID # (i.e., 123456)

Step 3. Competition Parts

There are three parts to the competition:

- **Part I - The Table of Sources**
 - Provide a citation for each of the sources included in the Source Packet that you will receive upon starting the competition.
- **Part II - Mark-Up Edit**
 - Using track changes, suggest edits to an essay to correct citation errors in the footnotes, flag substantiation issues, and correct clear grammar, spelling, style, or other similar errors above the line.
- **Part III - Case Analysis**
 - Write an objective analysis on the provided case (<750 words).
 - Bluepages of Bluebook

Step 3: Accessing the competition

The competition will be run through the Website.

- The competition packet will become on August 15 @ 9am, available under “Materials for Download.” You will be able to download the materials and begin.
- You will submit the competition under the “Your Uploads” tab.

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▼ SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS	Not Available

Step 3: Submitting the competition

- **The deadline for submission is Monday, August 19 @ 9 am ET. We will not accept any late submissions. Therefore, we recommend periodically submitting your materials (only the last submission will be evaluated).**
 - You will be required to submit your full packet and one document that is just your part III writing sample: BOTH must be submitted before this time for you to be considered for journal membership. If not, you will be considered late and disqualified from the competition.
- You must submit the packet on the Website. Submission via email will not be accepted.

Step 4. Journal Rankings

- You must complete your journal preference rankings in the Website under the “journal preferences” tab. Submit any and all supplemental materials under the “supplemental materials” as one document per journal under the corresponding folder for each journal
- You will only be considered for membership of journals that you rank. Journals consider rankings as a part of the selection process. Refer to the journal information guide and eval requirements for more information.

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▼ JOURNAL PREFERENCES	Not Available
▼ RESULTS	Not Available

Step 5. Supplemental Materials

- Journals may allow or may require “supplemental materials” to be submitted for consideration. These documents provide additional insight to you as a candidate.
- Refer to the “Journal Supplemental Materials Instructions” for more information.

II. Supplemental Material Requirements

Journal	Interest Statement	Resume	Identity Statement	Grade Addendum
AIPLA	required	required	<i>optional</i>	
BFLR	optional	required	<i>optional</i>	
FCBJ	required		<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>
<u>GWILR</u>	<i>optional</i>		<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>
GWLR	<i>optional</i>		<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>
JEEL	<i>optional</i>	required	<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>
JOLT	<i>required</i>	<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>
PCLJ	required	<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>	<i>optional</i>


***NOTE: If blank, then the journal *does not accept* the document. Please do not include the document in your submission.

****grades are not considered for transfers**

Step 6. Notification of Journal Decision

- You will be notified of journal membership on Sunday, September 1 between 3pm-6pm.
 - If selected for membership, you will receive a **phone call** from the journal. If you miss it, *do not worry*, they will leave a message. You do not have to verbally accept. They will also follow-up via email.
 - If you are not selected for membership, you will receive an email from gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu with this decision.
- You will only receive *one offer from a single journal*.
- If selected, you will have to quickly register for the Notes class before the add/drop period ends on Tuesday, September 3.

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Key Documents

1. Metadata Removal Instructions
 2. Journal Competition Instructions
 3. Journal Supplemental Material Instructions
 4. Journal Information Guide
 5. Journal Membership Withdrawal Policy
- these are all on the website under “registration” folder

**if you have any questions please reach out to gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu

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Wrap-Up

- Sign-up for the WO Competition webpage and contact information Google form
- **Competition starts Thursday, August 15 at 9am (and ends 8/19 at 9am)**
- Questions? Email gwjournalcompetition@law.gwu.edu
 - All questions are confidential and not shared with the journals! We are here to help!

Good luck!!

