

## The George Washington University Law Journals

The George Washington University Law School has nine journals. FCLJ, ILDC, and PCLJ are not participating and therefore information about these journals have been omitted.

Membership on a journal offers an unmatched opportunity to build your legal skills—you will emerge as a more critical legal thinker, a more effective legal writer, and a more knowledgeable lawyer. The bonds you forge with your fellow members may be some of the most enduring of your law school career. Journal membership can also afford you opportunities to connect with professors, practitioners, authors, and judges. Students will earn four credits (one per semester) over two years of journal membership.

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### General Journal Membership

The general responsibilities of journal membership include writing an original scholarly paper (called a “Note”) during the 2L/3LE year and completing production assignments over four semesters and one summer.

- **Scholarly Writing:** A Note is a 8,000 word+ paper on a legal topic of significance and satisfies GW Law’s upper-level writing requirement. Journal members enroll in an advanced legal writing course (“Scholarly Writing”) and participate in small group meetings with an adjunct professor who provides individualized feedback during the Note-writing process.
- **Production assignments:** Production assignments may include collecting sources (cases, journal articles, books, etc.) as well as checking the substance, structure, grammar, citation

form, and style of forthcoming articles. The type and frequency of production assignments will vary per journal.

Journals will also have opportunities for additional participation in various activities like symposiums, speaker events, and mentorship. Additionally, each journal has a senior/executive board composed of 3L/4LEs. A position on the board is an excellent opportunity to shape legal scholarship, work with fellow students, develop relationships with practitioners, and gain leadership experience. You can reach out to individual journals to learn more about their editorial board positions and selection processes.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a law journal?

A law journal is a scholarly publication that publishes works by law students, faculty, practitioners, and legal scholars. Law journal articles can influence the development of law, and are cited as persuasive authority by courts, legislatures, or other scholars. The legal field is unique in that law schools house the production of most legal scholarship. Journals publish on a wide variety of topics, and some journals focus on specific legal fields and subjects.

### Why are law journals an important experience for students?

Students may consider joining a law journal to boost their employment and clerkship prospects; write and publish a Note on a legal issue they are passionate about; improve their legal writing, editing, and citing abilities; or join a community of other GW Law students, professors, and practitioners. Joining a journal will also demonstrate your ability to meet deadlines, work in a team environment, and interact in a professional setting.

### What is a journal's publication process like for students?

The first two semesters on a journal involve working on your Note and completing production assignments, which can include collection and authentication of sources used in a legal work, substantiation of sources cited, or review of legal citations. If you are on the executive board of a journal, the last two semesters can involve more significant commitments, such as selection of legal articles and Notes, deeper editing and citation review, and managerial responsibilities.

### Can I get published if I'm on a journal?

All journals offer opportunities for students to get published on the journal. Some journals publish at a higher rate than others, so students interested in publication should inquire about the different publication rates for each journal.

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**What is the time commitment of being a journal member?**

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The time commitments vary between journals. Some journals have short weekly assignments that can take up to two hours; other journals have longer assignments due only a couple of times a year. Students can learn about a journal's expected time commitment by contacting that journal.

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**How can I apply to be on a GW Law journal?**

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You can only apply to be on a journal by competing in this journal competition.

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**Who can apply to be on a journal through the journal competition?**

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Only rising 2Ls may apply to be on a journal through the transfer competition. If you are a rising 2LE with five semesters left, please contact the Dean of Students Office for advice on whether to compete. If you are a joint-degree student, please contact the Journal Competition Administration.

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**How many journals can I apply to?**

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You can apply to as many journals as you wish, but some journals disfavor candidates who do not rank them highly. You will not be considered for a journal you do not rank.

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**How many offers will I get?**

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You will only receive one offer from a journal, and will not receive any other offers. Furthermore, GW Law students are only allowed membership on one journal. It is recommended that you rank as many journals as possible if you are strongly interested in joining a journal—you will not be considered for a journal you do not rank.

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**Do I have to have prior experience in a journal's specialty area in order to apply?**

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No, you do not need prior experience or substantive knowledge in order to apply to a content-specific or specialized journal. However, some journals will take into account, or even prefer, applicants who have a demonstrated interest in their specialty area, and may ask for interest statements in that topic area.

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**What is the difference between a student-edited journal and a professional or peer-edited journal?**

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Student-run journals have more autonomy in how they manage the journal and their responsibilities and what they can choose to publish. Students play a primary role in the editing and selection of legal works. In contrast, professional or peer-edited journals receive more assistance from professional associations and benefit from the review of legal academics.

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**What factors should I be considering?**

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Each student will have different considerations and priorities in choosing a journal. It can be a bit daunting to try to distinguish between nine journals with so much new information being thrown

your way. Here are a few factors that students often evaluate when determining which journals they are interested in (please note that this list is *not* exhaustive):

- Subject matter
- Time commitment / production assignment workload
- Probability of being published
- Student-edited versus professional-edited
- Size (# of members, # of volumes)

#### What happens if I withdraw from a journal *after* accepting membership?

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If you choose to withdraw from a journal *after* accepting membership, then you will lose ALL four Journal credits AND four credits of “No Credit” (NC) will appear on your transcript.

## American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal (AIPLA)

*The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Quarterly Journal* is a publication of AIPLA, one of the largest private bars of intellectual property attorneys in the world. AIPLA consists of over 14,000 members and has a readership of over 17,000 IP professionals throughout the United States who receive the journal each quarter. The journal is designed to promote an exchange of intellectual insight and debate on issues of importance to the IP community, and Staff strive to make the journal the premier IP law publication. The journal recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and has published outstanding scholarship ranging from Registers of Copyright to federal judges and renowned scholars.

In addition to production assignments, 2L Staff Members are required to produce a Note that must address an issue within the broad topic of intellectual property law. Members have written Notes on topics including patents, trade secrets, copyright, trademark, information privacy, blockchain, artificial intelligence, entertainment, and more. Additionally, each 2L/3LE Staff Member must take one of the available intellectual property courses offered during the fall semester during their first year on the journal. To learn more, please visit our website or contact our Student Editor-in-Chief at [aipla.submissions@law.gwu.edu](mailto:aipla.submissions@law.gwu.edu).

### Quick AIPLA Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** Intellectual Property
- **Organizational Affiliation:** AIPLA (private bar of intellectual property attorneys)
- **Required Class:** Yes - intellectual property course during the fall of first year on journal
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 34-35
- **Advisor/Editor-in-Chief:** Professor Joan Schaffner; **Student Editor-in-Chief:** Isabella Hyun
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - "How to Get Rich Without Even Trying: The Music Modernization Act Gives Music Publishers an Advantage to Unfairly Profit from the Work of Independent Songwriters" by Erin Williamson
  - "Safe Harbor for Reverse Payment Agreement: Adopting Regulations to Help Parties Settle Without Antitrust Concerns" by Jianle Wang
  - "The Ugly Side of Beauty: Outdated Regulations Controlling the Growing and Evolving E-Commerce Counterfeit Cosmetics Market" by Erica Lee

## The George Washington Business & Finance Law Review (BFLR)

*The Business & Finance Law Review* (BFLR) is GW Law's newest scholarly journal, first published in the 2017-2018 academic year. BFLR publishes articles and student Notes on business and finance topics including corporate law and finance, securities regulation, banking law, market regulation, commercial law, and many more. The business and finance law sector is expansive, providing students with the flexibility to choose a topic that best fits their interest.

All aspects of BFLR are student-run; we rely on the hard work of all of our Members, Associates, and editorial staff. Each issue contains articles and Notes from professors, practitioners, and students. The journal does not require that students take any particular course during the academic year, though we suggest that students take Corporations. To learn more about BFLR, please visit our [website](#) or you may contact the Editor-in-Chief at [bflr.eic@law.gwu.edu](mailto:bflr.eic@law.gwu.edu) with any questions.

### Quick Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** Business and Finance
- **Organizational Affiliation:** None
- **Required Class:** None
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 30
- **Advisors:** Professors Jeffrey Manns & Theresa Gabaldon; **Editor-in-Chief:** Avery Morrow
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - “Will New York’s ‘Twenty-First Century Antitrust Act’ Cause a Constitutional Conflict Under Either Federal Preemption or the Dormant Commerce Clause?” by Bryce Small
  - “How Yield Farming Products Offered by Crypto Companies Fit in With the Financial Regulatory Scheme in the U.S.” by Tyler Kendler
  - “Navigating Scylla and Charybdis: For-Profit, Religious Businesses and Religious Exceptions to Title VII” by Jason T. Long

## Federal Circuit Bar Journal (FCBJ)

The *Federal Circuit Bar Journal* (FCBJ) is the official journal for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Federal Circuit Bar Association. As such, the FCBJ is charged with providing meaningful and timely analysis of issues within the court's purview. The Federal Circuit is one of the thirteen federal appellate courts below the Supreme Court and the only one with nationwide jurisdiction. The court and, consequently, the Journal cover a variety of issues in patent and trademark law, international trade, government contracts, government personnel appeals, federal takings, administrative law, and the smaller areas of vaccine law and veterans appeals. The Note each staff member is required to produce should address an issue that lies within the Federal Circuit's appellate jurisdiction. The FCBJ is a national quarterly publication carrying a subscriber base of over 3,000 judges, professors, attorneys, and law students.

The FCBJ benefits from its unparalleled access to the Federal Circuit, its close working relationships with judges and practitioners, and the student editorial staff have near-complete autonomy over the Journal's publication selection and editing process. The FCBJ is committed to providing students not just a Journal membership, but a community with vast opportunities for educational and personal development. To learn more about the FCBJ, please visit [our website](#) or contact the Editor-in-Chief at [fcbj.eic@law.gwu.edu](mailto:fcbj.eic@law.gwu.edu).

### Quick Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** Federal Circuit appellate jurisdiction subject material
- **Organizational Affiliation:** Federal Circuit Bar Association and the Federal Circuit
- **Required Class:** One course on a subject within the Federal Circuit's jurisdiction
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 43-50
- **Advisors:** Dean John Whealan, Professors Joshua Schwartz & Steven Schooner;  
**Editor-in-Chief:** Brandon Hancock
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - "Artificial Intelligence Patent Infringement: Applying the Respondeat Superior Doctrine" by Tae Yeon (Zoe) Kim
  - "Cannabis and Marijuana Patents: Is Blunt Enforcement Too High a Proposition?" by Philip Russell III
  - "Greener Pastures for the Federal Circuit: A Revised Approach to Reviewing Environmental Restrictions in International Trade" by Shalin Shah

## The George Washington International Law Review (GWILR)

*The George Washington International Law Review* is a student-run, student-edited publication. In its annual issues, GWILR presents Articles, Essays, and student Notes on international economic law, comparative law, private international law, and public international law. Each issue of GWILR contains two or more Articles by academics and practitioners—many of whom are leading scholars, justices, and advocates from around the world—and two or more scholarly Notes by GWILR members. GWILR also publishes *The Guide to International Legal Research* (*The Guide*) annually. *The Guide* offers country-specific and topic-specific resources in its chapters organized by geopolitical region and substantive topic area.

GWILR Editors, Associates, and Members handle the entire publication process, from Article selection to proofing. Each staff member must also produce a scholarly Note on a topic within GWILR's editorial scope. Members supporting *The Guide* are responsible for editing and updating existing chapters of *The Guide*, as well as researching and drafting additional substantive sections. GWILR publishes the top Notes produced by its Members each year. GWILR targets an approximate 20% publication rate for members internally. Member Notes need only be two-thirds international and therefore Note topics are almost unlimited. International Law (Law 6520) is not required but provides a useful framework for first year members in writing their Note and for all members in understanding GWILR content. To learn more about GWILR, visit our [website](#).

### Quick Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** international law
- **Organizational Affiliation:** None
- **Required Class:** None
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 40-50
- **Faculty Advisor:** Professor Sean Murphy; **Editor-in-Chief:** Kailee Vick
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - “Global Cooperation for an International Database Needed to Combat Money Laundering in the Art Market” by Lilia Chu
  - “Contracting for Collateral: Solving the Sovereign Bond Enforceability Problem” by Victoria Colbert
  - “Growing Up Viral: ‘Kidfluencers’ as the New Face of Child Labor and the Need for Protective Legislation in the United Kingdom” by Rachel Fishbein



## The George Washington Law Review (GWLR)

*Law Review* is a student-run, general subject-matter journal that provides its subscribers worldwide with rigorous analysis, diverse perspectives, and innovative proposals on legal topics of national significance. *Law Review* publishes works written by justices and judges, professors, practitioners, government officials, scholars, and students. Articles are selected from targeted solicitations and the approximately 2,000 unsolicited manuscripts received each year. *Law Review* members partake in selecting, editing, and substantiating Articles in both its print publications and online platforms, *Arguendo* and *On the Docket*. Throughout the year, the journal also hosts a number of community-building activities and networking events for employment opportunities, clerkships, and alumni relations.

*Law Review* publishes a prominent annual issue dedicated entirely to Administrative Law topics and hosts an accompanying panel discussion at the Annual ABA Administrative Law Conference. *Law Review* also hosts an annual Symposium with a different subject area focus each year. Last year's Symposium, led by Professor Paul Berman, was titled "The Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

*Law Review* provides multiple opportunities for student publication, including student Notes, Administrative Law Essays, Supreme Court Previews, and Symposium Reviews.

### Quick Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** general
- **Organizational Affiliation:** None
- **Required Class:** None
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 75-80
- **Advisor:** Professor Bradford Clark; **Editor-in-Chief:** Kendall Archer
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - "Give Up Your Face, and a Leg to Stand on Too: Biometric Privacy Violations and Article III Standing" by Sojung Lee
  - "The Facebook Two-Step: Reinvigorating Merger Enforcement Through a Practical Analysis of Intent Evidence" by Rose Beattie
  - "Toward a Rebalanced Section 301 Authority: Reconsidering the Separation of Powers in International Trade" by John Catalfamo
  - "The Center Cannot Hold: Why the NLRB Should Assert Jurisdiction over Division I Collegiate Athletes" by Andrew Mendelson

## The George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law (JEEL)

The *George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law* (JEEL) publishes two times a year across a range of environmental issues, focusing on the intersection of energy and environmental law, and environmental justice. JEEL is produced in cooperation with the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) and distributed as a supplement to the *Environmental Law Reporter News & Analysis*, one of the most highly ranked and frequently cited environmental law journals. This establishes a broad readership including academics, law firms, and government agencies. In 2019, JEEL established a partnership with the Energy Bar Association (EBA) to assist in the publication of the EBA Brief, a quarterly journal addressing current issues in energy law.

In addition to completing production assignments and writing the Note, first year Members also complete an approved energy or environmental course in the fall or spring of their 2L/3LE year. To learn more about JEEL, visit our [website](#) and the ELI website. The JEEL Final Selection Committee will favor diverse candidates and candidates who demonstrate an interest in energy or environmental law.

### Quick Facts:

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- **Journal Subject Matter:** Energy and Environmental law
- **Organizational Affiliation:** Environmental Law Institute
- **Required Class:** Energy or Environmental course in the fall or spring
- **Approx. Size 2L class size:** 40
- **Advisor:** Dean Randall Abate; **Editor-in-Chief:** Jonathan Haskin
- **Recently Published Notes:**
  - “FERC’s MOPR: Politics With a Thin Veneer of Energy Regulation” by Cole Beck
  - “ESG Metrics: Safeguard Against Greenwashing or Safe Harbor for Greenwashing?” by Sue Choi
  - “Clicking Toward Extinction: How COVID-19 Has Accelerated the Need to Regulate and Reduce the Plastic E-Commerce Waste Destroying Our Planet” by Cole Fox