

2023 GW Law Journal Supplemental Material Instructions and Criteria

Journals may require or accept supplemental materials as a part of their application process. Aside from this document, the Journal Competition Administration cannot provide specific information about how individual journals evaluate supplemental materials. Further, the Administration cannot answer how a competitor's error will be handled by any particular journal. Failure to submit the necessary supplemental materials to a particular journal may be grounds for penalty or disqualification by that journal.

FCLJ, ILDC, and PCLJ are not participating and therefore information about these journals have been omitted.

NOTE: If you are looking for more substantive information about the journals (i.e., subject matter, structure), please refer to the 2023 Transfer Journal Information Guide posted on TWEN.

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I. Submission Requirements

- **File Format:** Your documents for each journal must be submitted as **one singular PDF file**. Name your supplemental material file "Journal Name_GWID" (e.g., AIPLA_G12345678)
 - You can merge PDFs on AdobePro, which is available as a free download to all GW Law students.
 - Resumes; Grade addenda - must each not exceed one page, double-spaced, 12-pt Times New Roman font, one-inch margins
 - Statements - must not exceed two pages, double-spaced, 12-pt Times New Roman font, one-inch margins
- **Submission:** Submit your supplemental materials *as a single document* to *each* individual journal via the assignment tab (similar to the competition submission) on TWEN.

- **Deadline:** The supplemental material upload links will be available after the competition begins. **Supplemental materials are due before Thursday, August 24 at 11:59 PM ET.** Please remember that TWEN may lag during periods of high-volume usage, and plan accordingly.
- **De-Identification:** Remove your name and metadata from all documents, including anything that includes your name (e.g., email addresses on your resume). Failure to do so will result in a penalty and may also result in that journal not reviewing your materials.
 - You may leave substantive information which could be used to identify you (e.g., the title of your senior thesis, or a position at the school which no one else holds).
 - Include your GWID in the upper-right-hand corner of every page on all supplemental materials.

II. Supplemental Material Requirements

Journal	Interest/Personal Statement	Resume	Grade Addendum
AIPLA	required	required	optional
BFLR	required	required	
FCBJ	required		
GWILR	optional		
GWLR	optional		optional
JEEL	optional	required	optional

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

- **Interest Statement** - Generally, describe your interest in a particular journal's subject area or focus. See below for specific journal prompts.
- **Grade Addendum** - This is an opportunity to describe exceptional circumstances that impacted your performance in law school.

II. AIPLA - American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal

- Supplemental Materials:

- Interest Statement (required)
- Resume (required)
- AIPLA selects students based on the following criteria:
 - Combination of the competition scores and interest statement
 - Supplemental materials and writing competition scores can serve as an independent basis for selection
 - AIPLA strongly considers rankings

II. BFLR - Business & Finance Law Review

- Supplemental Materials:
 - Interest Statement (required)
 - Resume (required)
- BFLR selects students based on the following criteria:
 - Holistic review of supplemental materials and competition scores
 - Supplemental materials can serve as an independent basis for selection
 - BFLR strongly considers rankings

III. FCBJ - Federal Circuit Bar Journal

- Supplemental Materials:
 - Personal Statement (required)

You may choose one of the following prompts for your personal statement.

 - **Option 1: Journal Interest Prompt:** As the official journal for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Federal Circuit Bar Association, the *Federal Circuit Bar Journal* engages with judges and Association members who come from all areas of the country and represent all areas of the Court's jurisdiction. Please use this prompt to explain your interest in joining the *Federal Circuit Bar Journal*. Consider the following questions: What experiences, both prior to and during law school, have shaped your personal development and prepared you for a Journal membership? How will serving on the Journal fit your short and long-term goals? What excites you about the law, Journal membership, or the FCBJ?
 - **Option 2: Note Prompt:** Members of the FCBJ are required to write a Note during their first year of membership. A student Note is an essay about a specific problem or area of law and usually proposes a solution or novel framework. Though your issue or solution will relate to the Federal

Circuit's jurisdiction, the FCBJ encourages new members to reflect on their individual backgrounds, experiences, and identities, and submit scholarly work that both communicates their unique perspectives and considers how their chosen legal issue implicates civil society. What issue would you be interested in writing about, and why? Consider the issues heard in the Federal Circuit, which may be found [here](#). Your answer does not bind you should you join FCBJ.

- FCBJ selects students based on the following criteria:
 - Holistic review of all application information, including supplemental statements and competition scores.
 - Supplemental materials can serve as an independent basis for selection.
 - FCBJ strongly considers rankings, generally only admitting students who rank FCBJ 1–3.

IV. GWILR - International Law Review

- Supplemental Materials:
 - Interest Statement (optional)
- GWILR selects students based on the following criteria:
 - Competition scores
 - Holistic review of all application information, including supplemental statements and competition scores
 - Supplemental materials may serve as an independent basis for selection.
 - NOTE: while optional, submitting supplemental materials are HIGHLY encouraged and can make a significant difference in a student's chances of being selected by GWILR
 - Generally, students must rank GWILR first or second to be considered.

VI. GWLR - Law Review

- Supplemental Materials:
 - Personal Statement (optional)
 - Please choose one of the following personal statement prompts to supplement your application and identify which prompt you are answering in your response. This is an opportunity to share additional information about yourself, separate from the quantitative metrics in your application. You should treat this statement as a writing sample.

- **Prompt 1.** The *Law Review* is home to a unique group of students whose different backgrounds, experiences, and interests result in a range of legal perspectives that enrich the journal. These perspectives, however, did not develop in a vacuum. Each member has a story about an event or aspect of their background that sparked their interest in or shaped their perspectives on the law.
 - **What sparked your interest in and/or has shaped your perspective on an area or areas of the law? How do you think your participation in *Law Review* will help you explore your interest(s) in the law? You may base your response on, for example, a particular experience in your life or in law school, a class you enjoyed, or what inspired you to attend law school.**
- **Prompt 2.** *Law Review* is the only journal of general jurisdiction at GW Law. This means members can write a Note about any legal issue of their choice that has a national scope. A Note is a piece of legal scholarship written during your first year on the *Law Review*. Student Notes are around 8,000 words and fulfill GW Law's upper-level writing requirement. The *Law Review* publishes scholarly Articles and Essays submitted by legal practitioners and provides an opportunity for the publication of outstanding student Notes. These publications reflect the diversity of perspectives, values, and circumstances implicated in legal practice, that are intersectional, go beyond a specific area of law, and provide a novel solution to an unresolved legal issue. Examples of recently published Notes feature topics such as maritime law, food law, family law, antitrust law, environmental law, and constitutional law. You can review examples of excellent student Notes by visiting our website, gwlr.org.
 - **What topic or area(s) of law would you write about in your Note? Why is this issue important? Consider incorporating how your background, perspectives on the law, experiences, and/or scholarly interests have influenced your choice. (No additional research, including research in the journal website, is necessary, and your answer is not binding should you join GWLR.)**
 - Grade Addendum (optional)
- GWLR selects students based on the following criteria:
 - *The George Washington Law Review* (GWLR or *Law Review*) is the largest student-run journal at GW Law, with 75-80 members selected each year. GWLR publishes at the highest rate of all journals on campus, releasing six issues a year

through its print and online platforms. The *Law Review* is a collegial, collaborative organization dedicated to advancing the legal community by producing novel, forward-thinking, and solution-driven scholarship. GWLR heavily depends on its members in selecting and editing Articles and Notes that shape legal scholarship. The *Law Review* seeks to recruit intellectually curious students who are committed to furthering its goals.

- *The George Washington Law Review* deeply values diversity in both its membership and scholarship. The *Law Review* will extend a significant portion of membership offers through our journal's holistic review process to students who submit outstanding Personal Statements and have reached a certain threshold score on their competition. Students may submit a Personal Statement to receive the aforementioned holistic consideration. The Personal Statement gives GWLR insight into your individual characteristics and allows us to engage in a holistic review of your potential as a *Law Review* member.
- GWLR evaluates based on:
 - Written competition score
 - Holistic review of all application information, including the personal statement and competition scores
 - Students who are interested in GWLR should rank GWLR first. GWLR is a general jurisdiction journal so a majority of students tend to rank GWLR first, making it unlikely a student who ranks GWLR lower will have an opportunity to be considered.

VII. JEEL - Journal of Energy and Environmental Law

- Supplemental Materials:
 - Interest Statement (optional)
 - Resume (required)
 - Grade Addendum (optional)
- JEEL selects students based on the following criteria:
 - Competition scores.
 - Holistic review of all application information, including supplemental statements and competition scores.
 - Supplemental materials are weighed heavily. JEEL places special emphasis on interest statements and JEEL ranking.
 - JEEL wants Members who want to be on JEEL. If you rank JEEL highly (first, second, third, even fourth), you stand a significantly better chance of acceptance than ranking

JEEL fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, or ninth. A high JEEL ranking is extremely important, but it does not guarantee selection.