

# Law Journal Information Meeting

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# What is a law journal?

- Student-run organization that publishes scholarly articles from professors and legal scholars across the country and world.
- Publishes a select number of student articles
- ASU law journals:
  - *Arizona State Law Journal*
  - *Corporate & Business Law Journal*
  - *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology*
  - *Law Journal for Social Justice*
  - *Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*

# Why join a law journal?

- Employment opportunities
- Opportunity to get to know classmates
- Leadership opportunities
- Clerkship opportunities
- Networking with law firms and corporations in Phoenix
- You will learn the *Bluebook*
- You will become a better writer

# How to join a law journal: The Write-On Competition

- At-home exam after Spring finals = May 11–12, 2020
- Part I. Objective, Closed-Universe Memo
- Part II. *Bluebook* Citation Exam
  - 50 Multiple Choice Questions
  - FYI - *Bluebook* offers a free online 30-day trial
- 2020 Write-On Exam will be held:
  - Start: Monday, May 11 at 8AM
  - Finish: Tuesday, May 12 at 5PM
- 33 hours?! Why?
  - Shows us you can do the hard work required to be on a journal
  - Endurance and attention to detail
- Exams are anonymously graded using ASU Exam numbers.

# How to Prepare in the Meantime . . .

- Breathe.
- Look through your *Bluebook* and “tab” rules as you go.
- Remember: Law journals use the Whitepages (pp. 57–522), not the Bluepages (pp. 3–56).
- Lexis Interactive Citation Workstation (ICW)
- Review your first semester memos. Understand CREAC, IRAC, etc.
- Attend mandatory second meeting on March 23 and take notes on the *Bluebook* Hints presentation.
- Turn in mandatory Grade Release Form

# *Arizona State Law Journal*

- Nationally recognized law journal
- Routinely cited in major textbooks, treatises, and opinions at all levels of the state and federal judiciary, including the United States Supreme Court
- High standards and excellent reputation for 50 years
- Emphasis on citation and writing skills

# ASLJ Testimonial

- “Every attorney I have worked for stressed the importance of journal to become more familiar with legal scholarship and develop a highly detail-oriented thought process. *ASLJ* has without a question been worth the time and effort. I would not have had half as many career and externship opportunities absent *ASLJ*. Two thumbs up, five out of five stars, would recommend to a friend.”

# ASLJ Grading Criteria

- Only requirement is the Write-On Competition
- Grading Criteria
  - Closed-Memo Response: 25%
  - *Bluebook* Citation Exam: 25%
  - GPA through Spring: 45%
  - Legal Writing Grades: 5%
- For more information, contact
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  - Write-On Chairs: Nathan Lilly ([nalilly@asu.edu](mailto:nalilly@asu.edu)) & Caitlin White ([whiteca@asu.edu](mailto:whiteca@asu.edu))



# *Corporate & Business Law Journal*

- *CABLJ* offers all editors an opportunity to study and learn in the fields of Corporate and Business Law as well and work towards publication alongside ASU faculty and other industry professionals.
- The Journal publishes articles and comments on various topics, including corporate governance, securities regulation, capital market regulation, employment law, and the law of mergers and acquisitions.
- The *Corporate and Business Law Journal Forum* is a companion to *CABLJ*. It features short responses to scholarship and comments on legal news.
- Visit [cablj.org](http://cablj.org) for more information.

# *CABLJ* Testimonial

- “I chose *CABLJ* because I want to practice transactional law and I thought it was the best fit for my career path. Being a member of *CABLJ* has opened doors to meeting transactional lawyers in the community and has allowed me to work closely with Professor Coordes, our faculty advisor, on research that I’m excited about!”

# How to Join *CABLJ*

- In addition to the Write-On Competition:
  - Resume
  - Statement of Interest
    - Emphasize interest in Corporate and Business Law, but membership in CABLS is not required
- Grading Criteria
  - Closed Memo Response: 10%
  - *Bluebook* Citation Exam: 25%
  - GPA through Spring and Legal Writing Grades: 20%
  - Statement of Interest: 15%
  - Resume: 30%
- For more information, contact Nic Obermeyer at [nobermey@asu.edu](mailto:nobermey@asu.edu)

# *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology*

- Oldest journal dedicated to topics in law, science, and technology in the United States (1959)
- Most circulated peer-reviewed journal in its field, with a circulation of over 8,700 hard copies per quarterly issue
- Official Journal for:
  - ABA Section of Science & Technology Law
  - ASU's Center for Law, Science & Innovation
- Wide range of topics covered
- Frequently cited in textbooks, legal treatises, scholarly articles in a wide range of other journals, and opinions at all levels of the state and federal judiciary—including the United States Supreme Court (e.g., *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*; *Perry v. New Hampshire*)

# *Jurimetrics* Testimonial

- “Being on *Jurimetrics* provided me with my first opportunity in law school to dive deep into researching and writing about the intersection of law and science in the area I'm most passionate about: climate change. I also formed an excellent mentorship relationship with my advisor, who is now willing to provide positive references to future employers and speak knowledgeably about my interests and talents.”

# How to Join *Jurimetrics*

- In addition to the Write-On Competition:
  - Resume
  - Statement of Interest
    - Emphasize interest in science and technology issues, but experience in these fields is not required
- Grading Criteria
  - Closed Memo Response: 10%
  - *Bluebook* Citation Exam: 25%
  - GPA through Spring and Legal Writing Grades: 20%
  - Statement of Interest: 15%
  - Resume: 30%
- For more information, contact Krislin Nuzum at [knuzum@asu.edu](mailto:knuzum@asu.edu)

# *Law Journal for Social Justice*

- *LJSJ* is an enduring online forum for legal discourse on local, national, and international social justice issues.
- Annual Symposium showcases lively debate between experts and attorneys on controversial topics.
- Members have the opportunity to comment on important current events in our blog and have their article published in our biannual issue.
- Visit [lawjournalforsocialjustice.com](http://lawjournalforsocialjustice.com).

# *LJSJ* Testimonial

- “Having experience doing cite checks was a HUGE help when I joined the Arizona Supreme Court as an extern this semester. My experience with *LJSJ* taught me how to approach the process and how to use a style guide, and it gave me the skills and confidence to do a good job at the court.”



# How to Join *LJSJ*

- In addition to the Write-On Competition:

- Resume
- Statement of Interest/Skills

- Grading Criteria

- Closed Memo Response: 20%
- *Bluebook* Citation Exam: 15%
- GPA through Spring: 10%
- Resume: 40%
- Statement of Interest/Skills: 15%

- For more information, contact Ashley Fitzgibbons at [afitzgib@asu.edu](mailto:afitzgib@asu.edu)

# *Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*

- Affiliated with the Sports Law and Business Program at the College of Law, *SELJ* serves as a premier law journal for the sports and entertainment industries.
- Past editions of the Journal have included articles written by prominent professors and various industry professionals.
- *SELJ* offers you an opportunity to be published alongside established professors and attorneys in sports and entertainment law.
- Please visit [www.asuselj.org](http://www.asuselj.org) for more information.

# *SELJ* Testimonial

- “*SELJ* has helped further grow my legal research and writing skills in an area of law I have a great passion for. It has also presented opportunities to network with industry professionals in sports.”

# How to Join *SELJ*

- In addition to the Write-On Competition:
  - Resume
  - Statement of Interest. This may be up to 2 pages.
- Grading Criteria:

• Resume:	15%
• Statement of Interest:	15%
• GPA through Spring:	10%
• Closed Memo Response:	30%
• <i>Bluebook</i> Citation Exam:	30%
- For more information, contact Jake Rapp at [jrapp1@asu.edu](mailto:jrapp1@asu.edu)

Questions?

# Thank You!

- Remember to turn in your Grade Release Form at the next meeting on March 23
- Please feel free to contact journal representatives:
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- More Information: <https://law.asu.edu/student-life/law-journals>
- ASLJ membership website (Grade Release Form):
  - <http://arizonastatelawjournal.org/members/write-on-competition/>