

# Journal Information Meeting

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# What is a law journal?

- Student-run organization that publishes scholarly articles from professors, legal scholars, and students across the country and world
  - Journals might also organize various symposiums and other events that focus on specific topics
- Often cited by legal scholars, courts, and other legal entities
  - Of course, getting cited improves the prestige of a law journal
- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
  - *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
  - Many employers prefer to see a law journal membership on a resume
  - Practicing attorneys often served on a law journal themselves during law school
  - Employers know that being on a law journal provides one with a valuable set of skills
- Leadership opportunities
  - Get involved and apply for leadership positions
- Clerkship opportunities
  - Connect with clerks and judges
  - Find a mentor who can provide tips about the process
  - Create a strong writing sample
- Networking with attorneys and other legal or business professionals
- Master the *Bluebook* & become familiar with the *Redbook*
- Improve as a writer
- Connect with other students who are going to be your future colleagues & friends

# How? The Write-On Competition

- 2024 Write-On Exam – at-home exam after Spring final exams
  - Start: Monday, May 6th at 8AM
  - Finish: Tuesday, May 7th at 5PM
- 33 hours? Yes!
  - Part I: *Bluebook* Citation Exam
    - 50 multiple choice questions
    - *Bluebook* offers a free online 3-day trial
  - Part II: Closed-Universe Memorandum
    - No research allowed, materials will be provided
- Grading & Application Process
  - Exams are anonymously graded, using your ASU Law exam numbers
  - Each journal uses specific criteria to determine whether to extend an invitation
  - You can apply for multiple journals
    - Selection process will be explained later

# How to prepare in the meantime?

- No need to stress!
- If you want to get started now, you can do the following:
  - Look through your *Bluebook* and tab rules as you go
  - Remember: law journals use the Whitepages, not the Bluepages
  - Lexis Interactive Citation Workstation (Practice questions)
  - Review your first semester memorandums → understand CREAC, IRAC, etc.
- Attend **mandatory** second meeting held in the Great Hall on **March 25th at 12:15 PM**
  - Bluebook and You Event: April 3
- Turn in mandatory Grade Release Form — more information coming soon
- Always watch out for announcements → using Daily Disclosure, Facebook, GroupMe, etc.
- You can visit this [website](#) for more Write-On information and resources

## *Arizona State Law Journal (ASLJ)*

Established in 1969, the *Arizona State Law Journal* is a nationally recognized legal periodical and the flagship journal of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

- 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 over 50 years
- Emphasis on citation and writing skills
- Highly regarded for post-graduate employment and clerkships

Time Commitment: 8+ hours per week (Cite Checks, Note or Comment, Blog, Committees)

Editor-in-Chief: Erin Jenkins

# *Arizona State Law Journal* Grading Criteria

35–40 Staff Writers

Only requirement is the Write-On Competition

Grading Criteria:

- Bluebook Exam (25%)
- Memorandum (25%)
- GPA through Spring (45%)
- Legal Writing Grades (5%)
  - Legal Method & Writing Grade (2.5%)
  - Legal Advocacy Grade (2.5%)

# *Corporate & Business Law Journal (CABLJ)*

Publish articles and comments on a variety of influential and novel topics pertaining to corporate and business law, including:

- Corporate governance
- Securities regulation
- Capital market regulation
- Employment law
- Mergers and acquisitions

As these practice areas have historically been heavily influenced by east coast institutions and practitioners, *CABLJ* offers a unique opportunity for students, scholars, and the Arizona community as a whole to engage in the exchange of ideas and information surrounding these topics.

Time Commitment: Varies widely, front-loaded, 6–8 hours/week to start

Editor-in-Chief: Grace Taskinsoy



# CABLJ Grading Criteria

Approximately 28–35 Associate Editors

Application Requirements:

- Write-On:
  - *Bluebook Exam*: 25%
  - Closed Memorandum: 15%
- GPA through Spring: 20%
- Statement of Interest: 15%
  - 250-word limit
  - Experience or interest in corporate and business law
  - How your background and skills will contribute to *CABLJ*
  - Why you want to join a law journal
- Resume: 25%
  - 1-page limit

Contact Grace Taskinsoy at [gtaskins@asu.edu](mailto:gtaskins@asu.edu) with any questions.

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

*Jurimetrics*, published quarterly, is the journal of the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law and the Center of Law, Science & Innovation. *Jurimetrics* is the oldest journal of law and science in the United States, and it enjoys a circulation of more than 8,000 readers—including ABA members.

- Is the No. 1 peer-reviewed law journal for science, technology, engineering, and math fields in the United States.
- Highly regarded for post-graduation employment and clerkships.
- We publish multiple student pieces each year.
- Opportunity to lead committees
- Associate Editors are not required to write their note/comment on a topic involving law, science, or technology. No blog post writing requirement.

Editor-in-Chief: Gabriella Ahles (gahles@asu.edu)

# Jurimetrics Grading Criteria

30–36 Associate Editors, 4–8 hours of work a week (cite checking, Note/Comment).

## Grading:

- Closed Memo: 20%
- Bluebook Exam: 25%
- GPA through the Spring: 15%
- 1L Writing Grades: 10%
- Statement of Interest: 15%
- Resume: 15%

Jurimetrics Information Session: TBA

# *Law Journal for Social Justice (LJSJ)*

The *Law Journal for Social Justice (LJSJ)* at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law provides an enduring and meaningful forum for legal discourse, scholarship, and professional development, with special focus on local, national, and international social justice issues. Through its work, *LJSJ* seeks to share diverse voices and perspectives to promote a deeper understanding of the complex social justice issues in our society. *LJSJ* is acutely aware that the privilege of membership in the legal profession comes with the responsibility to rectify injustices. We recognize our duty to educate the community on a local and national scale so that real change is implemented.

*LJSJ* accomplishes these goals through:

- Annual or biannual publication of a volume of social justice notes and comments written by students, practitioners, and professors.
- Blogs written by Associate Editors and published on our website (each Associate Editor writes one blog per semester in addition to cite checks for publication articles).
- Yearly symposium on a timely social justice issue.
- Working toward creating a socially just journal by creating manageable workloads, providing transparency in communication and openness to feedback, and centering the needs of our members.
- *LJSJ* does NOT require a note or comment, but members may choose to write a note or comment for their Upper Level Writing requirement.

Time Commitment: 3–8 hours per week, frontloaded (Cite Checks, Blogs, Committees)

# LJSJ Grading Criteria

- *LJSJ* will be accepting approximately 25–30 Associate Editors.
- Grading:
  - Written Memo 15%
  - Bluebook Citation Exam: 20%
  - GPA (cumulative from Fall 2023–Spring 2024): 10%
  - Resume (1–2 pages): 25%
  - Statement of Interest (500-1000 words, prompted): 30%
    - How do you define “social justice” and why?
    - What area(s) of social justice are you interested in and why?
    - How can your personal background and skills contribute to the work of LJSJ and what do you want from LJSJ in the next year?
- All this information can also be found on our website [lawjournalforsocialjustice.com](http://lawjournalforsocialjustice.com)

For any questions, please contact Editor-in-Chief Megan Ealick at [megan.ealick@asu.edu](mailto:megan.ealick@asu.edu)

# *Sports & Entertainment Law Journal (SELJ)*

Founded in 2010, the *Sports & Entertainment Law Journal* is dedicated to providing the academic community, the sports and entertainment industries, and the legal profession with scholarly analysis, research, and debate concerning the developing fields of sports and entertainment law. The Journal also seeks to strengthen the legal writing skills and expertise of its members. The Journal is supported by the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and the Sports Law and Business Program at Arizona State University.

*SELJ* publishes biannually in the spring and fall in both digital and print format. Each issue contains essays and articles, as well as notes or comments on the latest topics in sports and entertainment law authored by professors, practitioners, and students. In addition, Associate Editors contribute to the *SELJ* blog by writing short, fun, and timely pieces about sports and entertainment law-related topics.

## *SELJ* Associate Editor Participation Requirements:

- Write one Note/Comment, written over the course of the school year, assisted by a faculty advisor
- Write one blog post for the year, coordinated by the Technology Editor
- Regular cite-checks over the course of the school year
- Participation in mandatory meetings and *SELJ* events

## *Sports & Entertainment Law Journal (SELJ)*

### Takeaways:

1. SLB Program Partnership
2. Sports/Entertainment Hook
3. Team Environment

# *SELJ* Grading Criteria

- In addition to the Write-On Competition materials, applicants must provide:
  - Resume
  - Statement of Interest (not to exceed 2 pages) that expresses an interest or background in sports, entertainment, or both, and how this background will contribute to *SELJ*
- Grading Criteria:
  - Resume: 15%
  - GPA (through Spring): 15%
  - Statement of Interest: 10%
  - Closed Memo Response: 30%
  - *Bluebook* Citation Exam: 30%
- For more information, please contact Kristina Major at [kdmajor@asu.edu](mailto:kdmajor@asu.edu) or visit [asuselj.org](http://asuselj.org).



Questions?

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