



Dear Rising Second-Year Students:

First of all, I hope that this letter finds you and your families happy, safe, and healthy. The first year of law school is challenging, and I am sure that the circumstances of this year have not made it any easier. Despite all that was presented to you this year, you made it through, and I want to congratulate you on the tremendous accomplishment of completing your 1L year. You have achieved a great deal, and I hope that you know the entire Georgetown community is proud of you!

Second, if you are reading this letter, you have decided to get involved with a journal next year. How exciting! I want to take this time to strongly encourage you to rank the *American Criminal Law Review* **first or second** as you finalize your preferences. *ACLR* is the **nation's premier criminal law journal**, and is frequently cited and routinely used by judges, practitioners, professors, and students across the country. Our fantastic team of editors prepares three timely and compelling issues of *ACLR* each year, as well as our *Annual Survey of White Collar Crime*. Not only is *ACLR* well known nationwide, but it is also suitable for all forms of law practice—criminal law, corporate litigation, or public interest work—and it will provide you with a fun and meaningful journal experience that furthers your academic and professional goals.

Third, beyond those abstract benefits, I want to highlight a few practical advantages of *ACLR* membership:

- You are **guaranteed a publication credit** by the end of next year for your work on the *Annual Survey of White Collar Crime*. The *Annual Survey* is the *definitive* reference work for white collar practitioners in the United States. Each staff member assists in updating and writing sections of the *Annual Survey*, which will put your name and work product on the desks of hundreds of judges and attorneys nationwide.
- You will have the opportunity to be **published on Westlaw** and **fulfill your Note requirement** by participating in our Featured Online Contributor Program (FOCP). Our *ACLR Online* platform allows us to accept contributions from selected “featured” contributors as well as any interested staff member. This year, we are introducing a new component of *ACLR Online*, called *Perspectives*. In this new publication, you will be able to publish pieces highlighting an untraditional and diverse perspective of criminal law.
- We are proud to be an entirely student-run journal that offers leadership opportunities to all 2L staff members. When you finish your first year with *ACLR*, **you will graduate into an editorial or senior editorial position**. This will give you the chance to specialize in a particular area of the editing process, and will allow you to contribute in a real way to our final publications.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we are a diverse community of students and friends who enjoy contributing to American criminal law scholarship. Throughout the year, we host social and training events geared toward our own development as a team of editors. Our vast alumni network stretches across all areas of legal practice, from prominent law firms to competitive clerkships, and we capitalize on those connections through frequent networking, career and clerkship events.

If you have any questions about our journal, please shoot me an email—I am happy to talk with you ahead of Write On. You can also visit our [website](#) or social media accounts. Once the Competition begins, however, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions or concerns at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

We look forward to welcoming you to Volume 60 of the *American Criminal Law Review* this fall!

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Personal Statement Prompts

The *American Criminal Law Review*'s strength and success come from its greatest assets: its staff and editors. In an effort to create an equitable, inclusive, and culturally rich *ACLR* community, we have included a personal statement component to our application. Our intention here is to recognize the uniqueness of your life experience and background as we consider your application, but not to overburden your Write On workload. To that end, ***feel free to utilize or rework other personal statements you have written in the past, including the one(s) you wrote while applying to law school.***

There are two options for your personal statement, as described below. Whichever you choose, **your statement should be double-spaced and 750 words or fewer, and should not include your name or other identifying information. Please include your Write On packet number.**

1) Personal Narrative Statement

Personal Narrative Statements are, essentially, your traditional personal statement. This is your chance to describe your background, ideas, and interests, and introduce yourself to *ACLR*. What brought you here and what distinguishes you as an applicant?

2) Personal Diversity Statement

ACLR's commitment to diversity in all forms is rooted in the deeply-held belief that engaging with new and unfamiliar ideas, perspectives, experiences, and people shapes leaders who will serve their clients and communities with acceptance, compassion, and respect. Such diversity also uplifts and includes those who have been historically excluded from "elite" and "academic" spaces. We strongly encourage applicants from underrepresented communities to submit a Personal Diversity Statement.

Your Personal Diversity Statement should explicitly identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and perspectives would contribute to the diversity of *ACLR*. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, micro-aggressions, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage. Most importantly, please illustrate how the factors you identify affect the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology (including, but not limited to, criminal law) and the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of *ACLR*.

Personal Diversity Statements may, for example, discuss how applicants' perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or their decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by:

- Religion
- Race/Ethnicity
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Socioeconomic Status



GEORGETOWN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW

Dear Rising Second-Year Students,

Congratulations on completing your first year of law school! As you look to your second year, we encourage you to consider joining the *Georgetown Environmental Law Review* (GELR).

Founded in 1988, GELR is widely recognized as a leading publication of thought-provoking scholarly commentary and practical environmental law analysis. Our publication spans a broad range of topics, including the intersections of administrative law, international law, constitutional theory, and federal and state policy and environmental law. In our current volume, in line with our commitment to equality and anti-racism, we are seeking to highlight pieces covering environmental justice and civil and human rights. GELR also hosts a biennial symposium on topics of current prominence. For our symposium next spring, we will be inviting practitioners from around the country to write and present on Just Transitions and Climate Change.

At GELR, we seek to make your time and commitment as valuable as possible. All members have the unique opportunity to write original short-form blog posts that are published online by the end of their second year. All members also submit notes for consideration for publication in our print issues before the spring semester of their third year. Members choose their own topics and receive feedback on their writing from editors and mentors for both of these notes. In addition to traditional staff editor responsibilities, these writing opportunities allow members to come away from journal with improved writing, research, and editing skills. Further, nearly all members progress to senior editor positions for their third year, giving members an opportunity for continued growth. Unlike some of the other journals at Georgetown, GELR does not require our members to attend any office hours. We are fully supportive of our members studying abroad, and we encourage part-time students to join!

By joining GELR, you will become part of a close-knit community of students, Georgetown Law faculty, practitioners, and alumni. We are in the process of rolling out a mentorship program and alumni networking events, and look forward to continuing hosting optional social events for our members.

Please reach out to me or other GELR members with any questions; my email is included with my signature. Once the Competition begins, please direct all inquiries and correspondence to the Office of Journal Administration, lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. Thank you for your consideration, and good luck with Write On!

Best Wishes,
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Georgetown Environmental Law Review Write On Criteria:

Admission to GELR is based on a combination of grades (10%), case comment (30%), bluebook and editing test (30%), and personal statement (30%). We include a personal statement review as part of our effort to make our selection process holistic and allow candidates to highlight their unique strengths and experiences. All personal statements should be double spaced, in 12-point font size, Times New Roman font, and 500-750 words in length. In submitting your personal statement and resume, please follow all relevant OJA guidelines on redaction and anonymity. Competitors may write their personal statement on **one** of the following three topics:

1. Diversity Personal Statement

GELR is strongly committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in our journal. We thus encourage candidates from under-represented communities to consider completing a diversity personal statement. This statement should identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, and/or life experiences have shaped the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and/or legal ideology.

While by no means an all-encompassing list, Personal Diversity Statements often discuss how an applicant's perspective has been influenced by:

- Race, Ethnicity, Nationality
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion
- Disability
- Socioeconomic Status

2. Environment and the Law Personal Statement

Please explain why you are particularly interested in joining GELR. We are always eager to have members with a passion for our scholarship on environmental issues. In this statement, discuss why you want to be a member of GELR, in particular, and how your experience would help you contribute to the journal. Please feel free to discuss relevant academic, professional, or personal experiences with environmental work and how it would relate to your work with GELR.

3. Standard Personal Statement

You can approach this personal statement option in the same way you did when applying to law school. Please use this prompt as an opportunity to tell us about yourself and what makes you a unique applicant to our journal. It is perfectly acceptable to use the personal statement you wrote when applying to law school.

GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL



Dear Prospective Journal Members,

Thank you for your interest in the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* (GILJ). We are the **only student-edited law journal in the country devoted to the study of immigration and international migration**, and we would love to have you join our community!

GILJ addresses issues in human rights, public health, national security, labor, constitutional, criminal, and administrative law with an immigration focus. As national leaders are constantly reevaluating immigration programs and policies, immigration is a dynamic field. Commonly discussed in the media and frequently debated in legal circles, immigration is profoundly complex and offers a fascinating study of present and future global concerns. The present climate of changing immigration policy across the globe has especially increased the scholarly relevance of GILJ. As the nation grapples with truth reconciliation regarding the history of our nation, our Journal is committed to **publishing intersectional and interdisciplinary scholarship rooted in justice, innovation, and liberation**.

GILJ values your time, and we strive to make the entire Journal experience a positive one. We are fair about deadlines, and respectful of your other commitments. As a large portion of our work is done online, GILJ is compatible with the schedules of day and evening students alike. Please note that some editorial board positions may be limited to students who are studying the full year at Georgetown. Executive Board members, as a general matter, may not study abroad, but the Editor-in-Chief may grant exceptions at his or her discretion. Additionally, the Editor-in-Chief may not study abroad. To enhance the Journal experience, we will hold community town halls and social gatherings. The GILJ Board is currently taking steps to bolster our opportunities for more academic and professional development. After serving on GILJ for a year, all 2Ls members will graduate into an editorial or senior editorial position.

We deeply value the expertise of our members, and wish to involve 2L members beyond bluebooking. Accordingly, GILJ co-sponsored **#ImmigrationAND**, a new justice-orientated program, last Fall to center diversity and justice in our community values and legal training. The **#ImmigrationAND** program: (1) introduces GILJ members to the diversity and range of immigration law practice in the public sector; (2) engages journal members in cutting-edge issues in immigration law across multiple disciplines; and (3) trains members in applying a diversity and justice lens in their legal careers. GILJ will continue to co-sponsor these events in the upcoming year. 2L members will have the unique opportunity to work closely with current and past GILJ members in planning seminar-style educational and networking events on immigration topics that are centered around diversity and justice. Participating 2L members will receive a certificate of completion. This year, the journal will also be planning a **Symposium**, and we invite interested 2Ls to get as involved in that process as they would like.

All GILJ members are required to write a **Student Note** by January of 3L year. Student Notes must be related to topics covered by the Journal. We encourage our members to meet this Student Note requirement in conjunction with fulfilling Georgetown's Writing Requirement. Please keep this in mind when registering for classes. We will provide members with resources on examples of classes taken in the past in addition to ideas and examples of topics explored by students. **The Journal strives to publish all Student Notes that meet our quality standards**. As an **alternative** to the Note requirement, GILJ members may write at least two (im)migrant narratives and secure at least one

narrative from a community member. All GILJ members have an additional opportunity to publish by submitting a short **Current Development** piece (5-7 pages, publication available on Westlaw) on current happenings and controversies in the field.

A **preference of 1 or 2** gives you a great chance of making the Journal as most successful past applicants have ranked GILJ in their top 3 choices. **GILJ values an applicant's interest in the immigration field and competition scores more than grades**; a good writer who reads carefully and is passionate about the immigration and migration is likely to make a good staff editor. We are especially interested in your motivations for being on GILJ. Our selection criteria reflects these values; we weigh your personal statement 35%, your case comment 30%, your Bluebook test 30%, and your grades 5%.

As we continue to grapple with recovery from COVID-19 and its long-term implications, please know that the GILJ Board is here to support you. We believe that through open communication, transparency, and community support, we will be able to make GILJ work for anyone who is committed. Please do not hesitate to contact me before the Write On Competition with questions about the Journal or the Competition process. After the Competition opens, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

I wish you the best with the Competition, and I look forward to welcoming you aboard our community.

Sincerely,

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Personal Statement Prompts

The Georgetown Immigration Law Journal strives to create an equitable, inclusive, and culturally rich community, where all our members feel welcome and have the resources to thrive. We are aware that the Journal community often acts as gatekeepers of knowledge and scholarship production, and that historically, these spaces have excluded members from underrepresented and marginalized communities. To that end, we have included a personal statement component to our application that is heavily weighted to help remove some of the barriers from our Write On and Journal membership selection process. However, our intention is not to increase your Write On workload. We invite you to utilize or rework other personal statements you have written in the past, including the one(s) you wrote while applying to law school.

We are providing **two options** for your personal statement. Please feel free to mix and match the two options (that is, blending the personal statement with the personal diversity statement). Whichever option you choose, please ensure that your personal statement follows these mechanics:

- (a) 1.5 line spacing;
- (b) maximum of 750 words (please indicate your word count at the top of your statement);
- (c) Times New Roman, font size 12.

Any personal statement submissions should follow the redaction guidelines in the Competition instructions. Please include your Write On packet number.

1) Personal Statement: GILJ is especially interested in your motivations for being on the Journal. Please state your interest in GILJ, the immigration field, or any other information that would highlight your enthusiasm for being on GILJ.

2) Personal Diversity Statement: GILJ is deeply committed to center our community values and legal training in diversity and justice. We strongly encourage applicants from underrepresented communities to submit a Personal Diversity Statement. Your statement should explicitly identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and perspectives have:

- (1) shaped your values,
- (2) shaped your interest in the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology, and
- (3) position you to uniquely contribute to the work and community of GILJ.

We also invite you to share, when applicable, any adversity that you have overcome, including but not limited to discrimination (both overt and covert), micro-aggressions, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage at any point in your life. Please remember there is no one way to write your diversity statement, and we welcome you to share what feels authentic, comfortable, and safe to you.

Some examples of diversity factors include:

- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Socioeconomic Status
- Underrepresented Religion

THE GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF GENDER AND THE LAW

Dear Rising Second-Year Students:

Congratulations on completing your first year of law school, in some of the most unprecedented times. Be proud of everything you have accomplished! The mission of *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* is to explore the impact of gender and sexuality on both the theory and practice of law. We seek to complement the critical work being done by existing journals by expanding inquiries into the intersection between gender and sexuality. We are one of the only legal journals in the world to explicitly address these intersections.

Our journal publishes three issues per year with cutting-edge legal scholarship and practical applications. Our most unique publication is the student-authored *Annual Review of Gender and the Law*—the nation’s only comprehensive guide to legal issues relating to gender and sexuality. The Annual Review serves as an important tool for practitioners, judges, advocacy organizations, and scholars as it summarizes existing law and highlights recent changes.

Additionally, in June 2018, our Online content launched. The Online edition allows every journal member, including 2Ls, to publish content that focuses on issues they care deeply about. Moreover, 2022-2023 will be a Symposium year, meaning that staff members will plan and execute the Volume XXIV Symposium in either the fall or spring of this upcoming academic year. In 2020 (Volume XXII), our Symposium focused on the evolution of technology & gender-related offenses. In 2018 (Volume XX), our Symposium focused on immigration issues that impact gender non-conforming people, trans people, women, and other marginalized populations.

Benefits of Gender Journal Membership

Learn About a Dynamic Legal Field – Legal scholarship on gender and sexuality encompasses a broad range of important and fast-moving areas of law, including constitutional law, family law, criminal law, education law, employment law, health law, and more. We brought Vice President Joe Biden to campus on April 22, 2009, for our symposium on the 15th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. In 2013, we hosted a symposium on the 25th anniversary of *Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown Law Center v. Georgetown University*, the case that opened Georgetown University Law Center to LGBT organizations like Outlaw. In 2018, we hosted a number of speakers and authors including Jodie Roure, who recently presented her findings to the United Nations.

Publish– On *GJGL*, you have the opportunity to get published—twice! Each 2L staff member either writes or updates and edits a section of the Annual Review. As a result, *GJGL* is one of the only journals at Georgetown to guarantee its members the opportunity to publish a substantial piece in their second year of law school. Additionally, Gender Journal members are eligible to publish Student Notes in our publication. Because issues of gender and sexuality have implications for many areas of the law, students have considerable freedom to focus their notes on the discipline of their choosing.

Hone Your Research and Writing Skills – Our journal is committed to helping individual members refine their legal skills through substantive research, writing, and editing projects. 2L staff members do much more than simply Bluebook and cite-check. We encourage our staff members to research and write on areas of the law that they are passionate about! Our staff members substantially revise and update Annual Review articles during the fall semester and begin work on original student notes during the spring semester, working closely with the 3L members of the Journal and receiving substantive feedback on their work. Additionally, should the staff member choose, they can write content for our Online Edition in lieu of the traditional note requirement.

Work Hard and Have Fun –The members of the Gender Journal are a fun, diverse, inclusive, and passionate group of students with varied political persuasions, experiences, and career goals. We encourage interaction among staff members in both social and professional/mentorship contexts and offer ample leadership opportunities. We are also committed to maintaining a community that respects our members' other priorities and provides ample recognition for the hard work of our staff.

Networking and Career Benefits –The members of the Gender Journal stand out to potential employers because they recognize the unique leadership and intellectual opportunities that a specialty journal offers. We host networking events throughout the year where members have the opportunity to engage with Gender Journal alumni and advisors, including some of the nation's most prestigious feminist legal faculty, judges, law firm partners, and legal advocates.

Write On Criteria

Our journal seeks to maintain a diverse staff that shares the Gender Journal's mission. Admission to the Journal is based on a combination of grades (20%), case comment (20%), Bluebook and editing test (30%), and personal statement (30%). I encourage you to reach out to either myself or any member of the Gender Journal should you have any questions—my email is below. Once the Competition starts, please direct all correspondence to the Office of Journal Administration, lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law is one of the most exciting opportunities at the Law Center. I look forward to welcoming you to our team!

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief, Volume XXIV

The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law

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Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law: Personal Statement Prompts

Rationale: In an effort to make our selection process more holistic, provide an opportunity to recognize your unique strengths and experiences, and boost journal diversity, The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law has included a personal statement component to our application. All personal statements should be double spaced and 750 words or less. The personal statement should also not include your name, other identifying information, or the number prompt you are answering. We have included several approaches/prompts for the personal statement component:

Option #1: Standard Personal Statement

For option #1 you can approach the personal statement in the same way in which you did when applying to law school, as an opportunity to tell the journal about yourself and what distinguishes you as an applicant. In order to minimize any additional workload in the Write On process, *it is perfectly acceptable to utilize the personal statement you wrote when applying to law school.*

Option #2: Gender and the Law Personal Statement

For option #2 you can explain why you are particularly interested in joining the Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law. We are always eager to have members with a passion for our scholarship of Gender and Sexuality issues. *For option #2, simply explain why you want to be a member of the gender law journal in particular and how your experiences would help you contribute to the journal.*

Option #3: Diversity Personal Statement

The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law is strongly committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in our journal, which we believe improves our scholarship and enriches the experience of all of our members. We strongly encourage applicants from under-represented communities to consider completing a diversity personal statement so we can be intentional in these efforts.

A Diversity Personal Statement can identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and/or perspective would contribute to the diversity of our journal. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage, linguistic barriers, or other circumstances you believe are applicable. We encourage you to identify the way these experiences have impacted the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology, as well as the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of the Journal.

While by no means an all-encompassing list, Personal Diversity Statements have discussed how an applicant's perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or his or her decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by:

- Religion
- Race/Ethnicity
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Socioeconomic Status

Option #4: Mix and Match

If you want to blend approaches (through a gender law specific personal statement [#2] that draws on your experience with discrimination [#3], for example), you are more than welcome to do so!



The Georgetown Journal of International Law

Dear First-Year Students,

Congratulations on completing your first year of law school! As you begin thinking about your second year, we at the *Georgetown Journal of International Law* (GJIL) hope you will apply to join us.

Founded in 1969, GJIL has grown from its roots as the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Policy in International Business* into one of the nation's top journals in the diverse and constantly growing field of international law. Along with our peer international law journals at schools such as Harvard, Stanford, and Virginia, GJIL is recognized as one of the nation's top resources for scholars and practitioners in the field of international law.

GJIL is an excellent choice for anyone interested in international, transnational, or comparative law. We are committed to publishing diverse content that is relevant to legal practitioners and academics. To that end, GJIL publishes four issues per year, covering the full range of legal topics in international law. Additionally, our annual *International Trade Review* offers a comprehensive snapshot of international trade law and includes practitioner commentaries on current developments in the field. We also hold a bi-annual Symposium on a topic of current prominence. Recent topics have included The Evolving Role of International Organizations and Cooperation, Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute, and International Cyberlaw. Our next Symposium will take place this coming academic year, in spring of 2023.

By joining GJIL you will become part of a dynamic, talented, and internationally minded community. Many of our members speak multiple languages, have lived abroad, and have worked in international law. Our members have served as summer interns at international organizations, global law firms, and everywhere in between and thus have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. We further enhance our expertise in the field through the presence of LL.M. students as advisors.

We seek to make your time on GJIL as valuable as possible. As 2L staff, you will have the opportunity to review high-quality legal scholarship, glean special insight into the journal production process, and become part of our active and vibrant community. Our 2L staff work closely with 3Ls on various committees through selecting articles, editing substance, authoring online content, soliciting scholars, and shaping big-picture initiatives. In addition, all members have a chance to make a meaningful contribution to international law scholarship by submitting a note to be considered for publication. GJIL's Notes Committee provides students with the flexibility, time, and guidance to thoughtfully complete the Journal's note requirement by the end of their 3L first semester.

Selection for GJIL is based on a combination of an optional personal diversity statement (20%), grades (20%), the Write On case comment (30%), and the Write On Bluebook test (30%). This is our second year instituting an optional personal diversity statement; we believe the legal field must improve in creating opportunities for and retaining diverse candidates, and the journal community is no exception. GJIL and its international focus particularly benefit from a globally-minded and diverse community. Please feel free to contact me via email at mrb327@georgetown.edu if you have any questions prior to the start of the Write On Competition. After the Competition opens, please contact the Office of Journal Administration with any questions at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. We wish you the best of luck on exams and in the Write On competition and hope to welcome you to the 54th Volume of the *Georgetown Journal of International Law*.

Best regards,

Madeline Bauer

Editor-in-Chief, Volume 54

Georgetown Journal of International Law



THE GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Personal Diversity Statement

GJIL is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in our membership and scholarship. We are acutely aware that building a globally-minded and dynamic community improves our scholarship and enriches the experiences of all of our members. Today, *GJIL* is proud to have a diverse membership that represents different communities, perspectives, and backgrounds. Unfortunately, our past selection processes did not allow students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to highlight their identities and perspectives as a factor for consideration. To that end, the inclusion of the Personal Diversity Statement provides such students with an opportunity to highlight their diverse identities and viewpoints in their application to *GJIL*.

Personal Diversity Statements will be evaluated based on the quality of the narrative and the content presented. Students are not required to submit a Personal Diversity Statement. Students who do not feel compelled to submit a Personal Diversity Statement should not submit one for the sake of completion.

If you choose to write a Personal Diversity Statement, please identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and/or any other perspectives you believe would contribute to the diversity of *GJIL* and enrich our journal. Additionally, please explain how these factors shape the way you think about the legal profession, law school and legal ideology (including, but not limited to, international law) and the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of *GJIL*.

Your Personal Diversity Statement should be no more than 750 words (double-spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman). Please exclude your name and any other identifying information. Please include your Write On packet number. For further guidance on anonymizing your materials, please refer to the Write On Competition Instructions.

Dear Prospective Staff Members,

The Georgetown Journal of Law & Modern Critical Race Perspectives (MCRP) occupies a uniquely impactful position at the intersection of law and social activism not only at Georgetown Law but in the legal community as a whole. The Journal provides a forum for academic scholarship, a setting for rigorous student editorial experience, and a platform for meaningful discourse on the pressing issues of our time. Especially in light of the current reckoning around race, and the widespread misinformation about Critical Race Theory, the Journal seeks to be a leader for change within legal academia and in the local, national, and global community by expanding scholarship on racial justice as grounded in CRT. Our journal channels Critical Race Theory as a foundational practice of analysis of existing power structures as they relate to the legal and social construction of race. MCRP is a medium for academics, scholars, and professionals who seek to advance civil rights and racial justice in the face of ongoing and novel challenges.

Our members receive the opportunity to engage with authors who have defined the Critical Race Theory movement and work with those advancing new perspectives. This upcoming year, we look forward to strengthening these connections through our bi-annual Symposium, during which members will have a chance to observe and contribute to timely conversations and thought-provoking panels. As a team that takes pride in the power of our small and mighty staff, MCRP is committed to building a community of socially progressive scholars dedicated to activism and meaningful change. We publish every student note of sufficient quality submitted by our members, who also have opportunities to publish content through reaction pieces, posts on current events, and new audiovisual segments. Staff reactions are published alongside the articles to which they are responding in both print and online formats, allowing a direct discourse in each issue. Our Executive Board members are leaders on campus and in the community, and are eager to provide mentorship and support to new staff members.

When determining membership, we rely on Write On Competition scores, grades, resumes, and personal statements from applicants. All resumes and personal statements must be anonymized per Competition instructions prior to submission. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to learn more about MCRP and your potential role, or if you have any questions before the Competition begins. After the Competition opens, please direct any questions to the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. I look forward to hearing from you and am excited to meet and work with you in the future!

Sincerely,

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MCRP Personal Statement Prompt

MCRP's mission is to promote racial justice through scholarly activism. Please write a short statement (no more than 500 words) describing why you hope to join MCRP, and why you believe critical race is important to legal scholarship. Your answer should address your personal interest in MCRP and how you see yourself contributing to our mission. Please include any specific academic, professional, or personal experience regarding topics related to diversity and/or critical race theory that highlight your unique perspective and potential contribution to our staff. Please keep in mind that all submissions should be anonymous, as consistent with the official Competition instructions. We look forward to reading your statement!

GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY

Dear Rising Second Year Students,

The *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy* is one of only a handful of law journals in the country dedicated to exploring and critiquing conservative, libertarian, and natural law perspectives on constitutional law and policy. Our journal focuses not on a single area of the law but on a way of thinking, exposing journal members to a nearly endless array of topics. Recent issues contain articles and student notes on topics as varied as the president's pardon power, originalist constitutional theory, Medicare and Medicaid reform, drug legalization, self-driving cars, religious freedom, and women's rights under the Privileges or Immunities Clause. As such, we attract works from renowned constitutional law scholars, noted academics, and expert practitioners. Distinguished authors who have published with GJLPP include Erwin Chemerinsky, John McGinnis, Richard Epstein, Sherif Girgis, Senator Bill Frist, and Senator John McCain.

GJLPP has a special focus on giving outstanding students a platform. In addition to publishing many student Notes ourselves, we offer students the unique opportunity to publish their Note in one of our partner journals—*New York University Journal of Law & Liberty* and *Texas Review of Law & Politics*.

We will be publishing our twenty-first volume next year, and we take pride that our influence continues to grow. Our journal was cited by Justice Scalia in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, by Justice Thomas in *Northwest Austin Utility District v. Holder*, by Justice Gorsuch in *Kisor v. Wilkie*, and by Judge Sykes in *Ezell v. City of Chicago*. State supreme courts, federal district courts, and numerous law reviews have also cited our journal. Our focus on conservative, libertarian, and natural law perspectives uniquely positions us to influence many of the legal debates currently dominating the national conversation.

Thanks to our symposium-based partnership with the Georgetown Center for the Constitution, each issue we publish contains articles from eminent scholars grappling with a particular constitutional issue. Indeed, the first issue of Volume 21 will contain articles focusing on the constitutional contributions of Gouverneur Morris, including one by Dean Treanor.

One of our most substantial contributions to Georgetown Law and the legal community is diversity of thought. GJLPP is proud to serve as a forum for in-depth and thought-provoking scholarship that is not afraid to challenge the conventional wisdom, a role that has arguably never been more important than it is right now. As such, we value diverse perspectives in the articles and notes we publish. We eagerly welcome students whose ideas span the political and ideological spectrum.

In evaluating Write On candidates, we weigh your Write On score 40%, your Bluebook score 30%, and your grades 30%. We do not require a résumé or personal statement. Please do not hesitate to contact me at phd31@georgetown.edu if you have any questions *before* Write On begins. Once the Competition starts, please direct any questions to the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the GJLPP team.

Sincerely,

Philip DeVoe
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 21
Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy



Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics

Dear Rising Second Year Students,

Congratulations on finishing your first year at Georgetown University Law Center. Your class has completed a challenging school year amidst very uncertain times. You all should be extremely proud of yourselves and I hope you all will take some time to decompress before starting the competition. That said, I encourage you to consider joining the editorial staff of Volume XXXVI of the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* (*GJLE*).

***GJLE* is America's leading ethics journal. As the second most-cited journal at Georgetown, *GJLE* is also in the top 100 journals nationally, and is one of the nation's most-cited student-run specialty journals.** Our scholarship is motivated by the question: **what does the legal profession owe not only to its clients, but to society?** As the legal profession is confronted with crucial issues of racial injustice, the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the erosion of our democratic institutions, *GJLE*'s mission has never been more potent.

All *GJLE* members write original notes that are published at the end of their 2L/2E year, provided the notes meet the journal's quality requirements. Members choose their own topics and receive feedback from editors and mentors. Members may find it easiest to enroll in a seminar course for the fall semester, which will allow them to simultaneously fulfill their upper-level writing and note requirements. Since ***GJLE* is one of the most generalist journals on campus**, our members have written about everything from the need to hold State Department lawyers to higher ethical standards regarding their duty to provide candid advice to the U.S. government about complicity in war crimes, to the effect of the O.J. Simpson Strategy on the jury selection process, to the impact of artificial intelligence on the legal field. We are proud that our journal provides this unique opportunity for all our members to be **published authors in their second year of law school.**

***GJLE* is also proud of its enduring commitment to public service and social justice.** When the late Father Robert Drinan founded the journal, after his career as a congressman and human rights advocate, he wrote, **"No journal has been established as the central forum for the discussion and development of the ethical and professional dilemmas confronting the lawyers of America [*GJLE*] hopes to be that forum."** We maintain his belief that lawyers should play a special role in promoting justice and equality and that we, as law students, can work to further these goals. As a result, *GJLE* is actively involved in community service in the D.C. community. We are planning on making 202 a breakout year for our journal's engagement and leadership on legal ethics issues.

If you have any questions about *GJLE* prior to Write On, please feel free to contact me at cce32@georgetown.edu. Once the Competition starts, please contact lawwriteon@georgetown.edu with any questions. We hope to welcome you to the *GJLE* team in the fall!

Sincerely,

Chibunkem C. Ezenekwe
Editor-in-Chief, Volume XXXVI
The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics

Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics: Personal Statement Prompts

Rationale: In an effort to make our selection process more holistic, provide an opportunity to recognize your unique strengths and experiences, and boost journal diversity, the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics has included a personal statement component to our application. All personal statements should be double spaced and 750 words or less. The personal statement should also not include your name or other identifying information, in accordance with the Competition instructions, but should include your packet number. We have included several approaches/prompts for the personal statement component, although you do not need to indicate which prompt you choose:

Option #1: Standard Personal Statement

For option #1 you can approach the personal statement in the same way in which you did when applying to law school, as an opportunity to tell the journal about yourself and what distinguishes you as an applicant. In order to minimize any additional workload in the Write On process, *it is perfectly acceptable to utilize the personal statement you wrote when applying to law school.*

Option #2: Legal Ethics Personal Statement

For option #2 you can explain why you are particularly interested in joining the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. We are always eager to have members with a passion for our scholarship and legal ethics issues. *For option #2, simply explain why you want to be a member of the legal ethics journal in particular and how your experiences would help you contribute to the journal.*

Option #3: Diversity Personal Statement

The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics is strongly committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in our journal, which we believe improves our scholarship and enriches the experience of all of our members. We strongly encourage applicants from under-represented communities to consider completing a diversity personal statement so we can be intentional in these efforts.

A Diversity Personal Statement can identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and/or perspective would contribute to the diversity of our journal. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage, linguistic barriers, or other circumstances you believe are applicable. We encourage you to identify the way these experiences have impacted the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology, as well as the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of the Journal.

While by no means an all-encompassing list, Personal Diversity Statements discussing how an applicant's perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or his or her decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by:

- Race
- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Socioeconomic Status
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation

Option #4: Mix and Match

If you want to blend approaches (through a legal ethics specific personal statement [#2] that draws on your experience with a disability [#3], for example), you are more than welcome to do so!

The nation's premier journal of poverty and social reform discourse



Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy

Dear Journal Candidate,

Congratulations on finishing out the difficult first year curriculum! Take some time to celebrate this accomplishment and find some rest after a demanding year, before pushing forward through Write On. We are thrilled you are considering the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*, the nation's premier law journal on poverty issues. Our journal publishes innovative, solutions-based scholarship by distinguished law professors, scholars, practitioners, and students. At the *Poverty Journal*, we are committed to ensuring that our staff members receive a rewarding educational experience and feel valued for their contributions.

Poverty law is vastly intersectional and encompasses a wide range of legal topics, including health care, housing, education, employment, and criminal justice law. To this end, the *Journal's* mission is to support the fight against poverty by showcasing comprehensive and multidisciplinary scholarship with a focus on centering diverse authors with experience addressing these issues. Can a civil rights framework be used to secure baseline water and sanitation access? What are the legal tools available to address rural poverty? How is our society going to address the economic fallout of the pandemic? These are the kinds of timely questions that the *Journal* addresses.

We are students with diverse aspirations, and we are pursuing careers in a wide range of legal fields, including working in government, private firms, and nonprofits. Although our professional goals are varied, we share an enthusiasm for public interest work and a concern with the intersections of poverty and the law.

The *Journal* supports the academic and professional growth of all members. We provide guidance for completing all assignments throughout the year and timely feedback upon assignment submission. We offer opportunities for students to publish their own work by writing a Note on a poverty-related topic and contributing a creative and thought-provoking piece to the *Journal's* online content section. Members may fulfill the Note requirement by either (1) submitting a Note or (2) contributing two written pieces for publication on GJPLP online. Members selecting the first option can produce their Note either by (a) successfully completing a writing requirement course related to poverty law, or (b) conducting independent research with guidance from our Notes Editor.

I hope that you seriously consider joining the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. Our selection process emphasizes a holistic approach to each applicant, incorporating the Write On Competition score, grades, and a required resume and statement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions before the Competition starts. Once the Competition has started, please direct any questions to the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu. I wish you the best of luck during the competition, and I look forward to meeting you in the future!

Sincerely,
Samantha Rudelich
Editor-in-Chief, Volume 30
smr300@georgetown.edu

GJPLP Required Resume and Required Statement

GJPLP requires submission of an anonymized resume and personal statement to provide some insight into who you are and why you hope to join GJPLP. Please write a short statement describing why you believe poverty law & policy is important to legal scholarship. Your statement may draw on your personal background, past professional, academic, and/or personal experiences. You are also encouraged to relate your interest in GJPLP to your diversity (as defined below) and how you see yourself contributing to our mission. Your statement of 500 - 750 words (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font) should include your Write On packet number, but not your name. For guidance on anonymizing your resume, please refer to the Write On Competition instructions. We look forward to reading your statement!

If applicable, diversity factors may include but are not limited to:

- Disability
- Gender Identity
- Socioeconomic Status
- Ethnicity
- Race
- Religion



THE GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL

Dear Prospective Members,

Congratulations! Your first year of law school is an extraordinarily difficult experience, and I commend you all for meeting this challenge with tenacity. I hope you all take a well-deserved break after final exams to relax and to acknowledge the enormous accomplishment of finishing your first year before you dive into the Write On Competition. Write On is a demanding and intellectually stimulating exercise, different from much of your first-year work. I encourage you all to embrace this new challenge and to enjoy the process. The benefits you will gain from journal participation—not merely the editing experience and deep academic engagement, but also the close camaraderie and sense of community with your peers—will be well worth your hard work during Write On. Needless to say, I wholeheartedly encourage you to opt in and apply to *The Georgetown Law Journal*.

Now in its 111th Volume, *The Georgetown Law Journal* is one of the oldest and most prestigious law reviews in the country. Staff members both substantively and technically edit scholarship written by some of the most influential legal academics in the world. Some of our pieces will shape legal discourse for years to come.

One of the *Journal's* greatest strengths is our generalist approach to legal scholarship. *Journal* members are able to broaden and deepen their understanding of many facets of the law, from constitutional law to legal history, administrative law to civil rights, and beyond. *Journal* members also engage deeply with the current state of federal criminal procedure through their work on the *Annual Review of Criminal Procedure*—a vital practitioner's resource used widely by attorneys, judges, and pro se litigants.

In addition to the academic benefits of membership, the *Journal* prides itself on a strong sense of community. As the largest journal on campus, *GLJ* gives members the opportunity to connect with colleagues and alumni from a variety of personal and professional backgrounds, both through our work and through social events. Each year, the incoming staff helps shape the *Journal's* identity: You all will be at the center of that development.

Membership

Applicants **must opt in** to be considered for *Journal* membership. Applicants can earn membership in the following ways:

- 50% of our new members will be accepted solely based on their Write On scores. The Write On score will weigh students' case comment score 60% and their Bluebook test 40%.
- 20% of our new members will be accepted based on a formula that equally weighs Write On scores and grades.
 - Transfer students: since grades are not taken into account, a total of 70% will be taken via Write On score only.
- 30% of our new members will be selected solely based on their Personal Diversity Statement, provided that they have reached a certain threshold score on their Write On Submission.

The Personal Diversity Statement is optional but encouraged. The Statement should describe how your diverse background has shaped your approach to the legal profession, how you have overcome adversity, and how any of these relevant factors will contribute to the membership and scholarship of the *Journal*. The prompt is included below.

Newly admitted *GLJ* members will be required to attend Staff Orientation on Saturday, August 20 and Saturday, August 27.

Scholarship

Each year, the *Journal* selects approximately twenty-five Articles for publication from nearly 3,000 submissions. This process offers an unparalleled opportunity to engage with—and critique—the work of the world’s most prominent legal scholars. The *Journal* also publishes approximately ten Notes from Georgetown Law students. Our online arm, *GLJ Online*, provides a forum for high-caliber scholarship that engages in timely legal discussions. In addition to their work selecting and editing articles, *Journal* members write a scholarly Note and may submit their work for publication in both the print *Journal* and *GLJ Online*.

The Annual Review of Criminal Procedure

Each staff member also works on the *Annual Review of Criminal Procedure (ARCP)*. Known as the “practitioner’s bible” for the federal criminal bar, the *ARCP* provides an overview of federal criminal procedure and is widely used by judges, academics, practitioners, and pro se litigants. As a legal resource for incarcerated people and public interest organizations, the *ARCP* also serves as a vehicle for social justice and public outreach. In this way, the *ARCP* allows members to hone their legal research skills while contributing to an invaluable public interest publication that has a concrete impact on the lives of those most vulnerable.

Community

The *Journal* strives to offer students a supportive and welcoming community, bringing together passionate individuals from diverse backgrounds. During their *Journal* tenures, members form lasting personal and professional relationships that continue far beyond the two years of membership. All *Journal* members are encouraged to participate in our mentoring program, professional networking opportunities, and social events, including our Annual Alumni Banquet.

Leadership

GLJ offers numerous leadership opportunities, helping members develop their research, editorial, and managerial skills. Upon successful completion of their staff duties, all staff members will be promoted to editorial positions—leading committees, spearheading initiatives, or serving on the *Journal*’s Senior Board.

If you have any questions prior to the Competition, I encourage you to reach out to me or any other member of the *Journal* and to visit our website at www.georgetownlawjournal.org. We know how unfamiliar and intense Write On can be, and we hope each of you feels supported throughout this process. Once the Write On Competition has begun, inquiries can be addressed to the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

I hope that you will opt in to the *Journal*—not only for the doors it will open throughout your legal career, but also for the skills you will develop, the scholarship you will publish, and the friends and colleagues with whom you will work over the next two years. I look forward to welcoming many of you into our community in the fall.

Sincerely,

Maya Gandhi

Editor-in-Chief

The Georgetown Law Journal, Volume 111



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Personal Diversity Statement Prompt

The Georgetown Law Journal deeply values diversity in both its membership and scholarship. The *Journal* strongly encourages students to include a Personal Diversity Statement in their Write On submission. **The *Journal* will extend 30% of membership offers to students who submit outstanding Personal Diversity Statements and have reached a certain threshold score on their Write On submission. As a reminder, students must opt in to apply for the *Journal* to receive consideration.**

Your Personal Diversity Statement should explicitly identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life experiences, and perspectives would contribute to the diversity of the *Journal*. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantages. Most importantly, please illustrate how the factors you identify affect the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology, and how you can uniquely contribute to the work, scholarship, and community of the *Journal*.

For example, some past Personal Diversity Statements have discussed how an applicant's perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or their decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, religion, disability, and other underrepresented identities.

Personal Diversity Statements should be double-spaced and should not exceed 750 words. Please include your Write On packet number, but not your name, on your Personal Diversity Statement and upload it to *The Georgetown Law Journal* box in the Uploads section of the Write On Competition website. All students are welcome to submit statements. If you have any questions about the Personal Diversity Statement, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Journal Administration at lawwriteon@georgetown.edu.

Dear First Year Students,

First off, congratulations on finishing your first year of law school! While you have many options for journals, we hope that you strongly consider the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*. We are the only peer-reviewed journal devoted exclusively to national security law and policy.

If you have an interest or a background in national security law, the JNSLP is a great option. Our journal covers the entire spectrum of issues within the national security field from cybersecurity to intelligence, International Human Rights Law, and the security implications of climate change.

The JNSLP takes a flexible approach to journal obligations with no required office hours. Furthermore, part-time and transfer students make a crucial contribution to our membership. As a member of the Journal, you will have two unique opportunities:

- (1) All of our members write a student note on a national security law topic during their 2L year. We do not require our members to pursue publication, but our Executive Notes Editor provides individualized support and resources to students who would like to contribute meaningful scholarship. Additionally, our Faculty Editorial Board and LLM staff members also provide guidance and advice during the writing process.
- (2) Each year, the JNSLP hosts a symposium in partnership with the Center on National Security and the Law here at Georgetown. Our members have the opportunity to take a senior leadership role in organizing and producing this event, which allows our members to interact with practitioners in national security. The annual symposium addresses current topics in the field, and the past symposia have focused on Free Speech in the Age of Politically-Motivated Threats (2022), Shifting to Great Power Competition (2021), Presidential Emergency Powers (2020), The Continuing Threat of Nuclear Weapons (2019), The State of U.S.-Russia Relations & Unconventional Threats to U.S. Security (2018), Migration, Refugees, and Asylum (2017), Strengthening National Security by Protecting Public Health (2016), Trials & Terrorism (2015), Leakers, Whistleblowers & Traitors (2014), and Big Data (2013).

Because we place *considerable* weight on the *required* personal statement, please put careful thought into your statement. We hope to welcome you to the journal next year!

Sincerely,

Cameron Tarry Hughes

Student Editor-in-Chief

Journal of National Security Law & Policy

Dear Future Journal Members,

Thank you for participating in this year's Write On Competition! If you are applying to the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*, we require a well-written personal statement.

The JNSLP deeply values diversity, and we welcome members from a wide range of backgrounds, including those with extensive national security experience, those hoping to pursue a career in the field, and those simply interested in the subject-matter. Your personal statement should demonstrate why you are interested in national security law. If you choose the second option, we encourage you to discuss how your diverse identity, background, culture, life experiences, and perspectives would help you to contribute to this *Journal's* subject matter. We place *considerable* weight on the personal statement, so please make it a thoughtful submission. For the personal statement, please respond to one of the following two prompts:

- (1) If you have a desire to practice in this field, what is the basis for it? Which aspects of practice in this area appeal to you?
- (2) How will your current or prior experience in this field, or your diverse background, help you to contribute to the *Journal of National Security Law & Policy* and its specific subject matter?

Limit your personal statement to 500 words. Format your statement with one-inch margins and double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font. Include a word count as your final line (which is not assessed against the 500-word limit). We will evaluate your personal statement for clarity of thought, conformance to the formatting requirements, and grammatical accuracy.

Because this is not a brief or legal analysis, *do not* cite to source material. This is your opportunity to showcase your individual background, passion, and interest in this specific area of law. For those wishing to highlight their diverse background, please make sure your statement relates to or connects with the *Journal's* national security subject matter. Do not include your name or any other identifying information in your submission, in accordance with the Competition Instructions.

Please note that the personal statement **is required**. Write On packets submitted without a personal statement **will forfeit the entire score** that the JNSLP assigns to this component.

Sincerely,

Cameron Tarry Hughes

Student Editor-in-Chief

Journal of National Security Law & Policy