

JOURNAL OF LAW & EDUCATION (JLE)



To: Potential *JLE* Candidates
From: Jesse Hagan – Editor-in-Chief
Re: Application for 2022-2023

Overview

After a third of a century, the *Journal of Law and Education (JLE)* continues to thrive as a leading journal in the field of education, ranking well above the median in law review circulation. The *JLE* provides an important resource for judges, lawyers, teachers, school administrators, and education practitioners to stay abreast of developments in education law (i.e., constitutional issues, torts, disability law, employment law). Professionals across the country and around the world depend on the *JLE* for information. In fact, the international subscriptions comprise a dozen countries.

The editorial staff is excited that you have expressed an interest in becoming a part of this publication's bright future. As you consider the application process, it is important to appreciate that professionals across the country and around the world refer to the *JLE* for information and that the publication they receive must be of the highest caliber. If accepted as a candidate, your contributions to the *JLE* will determine the quality of the product and whether this publication continues to thrive as a leading journal in the field of education.

Please note that there is a mandatory orientation for all selected candidates. Attendance at this orientation is a requirement for membership on the journal. If for some reason you cannot attend you NEED to contact me.

Earning Membership Status

Journal membership is not automatic. If you are accepted as a candidate for *JLE* membership, you will attain membership status only after you have satisfactorily fulfilled all *JLE* requirements. You must complete a published Year-in-Review assignment, contribute to published blog posts, and complete a journal note on a self-selected, contemporary education topic, which may be considered for publication. You must also participate in the mandatory orientation prior to beginning your candidacy.

Benefits

There are multiple benefits to journal membership. Along with becoming more knowledgeable in education law, a key benefit is enjoying a unique opportunity to practice, develop, and demonstrate your legal research, writing, and communication skills and to have your work published. Other benefits include the opportunities to earn academic credit and to meet the law school's writing requirement. Academic credit (1 hour) is earned by spending a minimum of 60 hours completing both the assignments and the journal note. The writing requirement is met by following the law school's published guidelines.

Who Should Apply

The *JLE* operates under the belief that excellent writing skills, dependability and strong interest are the most desirable characteristics of candidates, but candidates must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Candidates must maintain full-time or part-time student status through the Spring 2018 semester. Those who complete membership requirements and maintain the requisite student status may apply for editorial board positions the following year.

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A completed application includes the following items:

- ___ Your personal information sheet
- ___ An additional writing sample (see Application Instructions below)
- ___ Your résumé (please include your GPA)
- ___ A personal statement of interest

Application Instructions

1. Please include a personal statement explaining your interest in writing for the journal of
2. Include a **writing sample**, preferably a document written while in law school. Any BLS assignment is acceptable, but ensure that you enclose a clean, un-graded copy. Also, if you decide to submit a brief for your writing sample, you do not need to bind it, just make sure it is stapled securely.
3. Fill out the **personal information sheet** and attach it to the **back** of your case abstract.
4. Enclose your **résumé**.
5. Please email your completed application materials to jmhaga06@louisville.edu in PDF form.
6. **Deadline** for submission of the completed application is **Friday, May 20th at 11:59 p.m.**
7. After submission of your materials, your personal information will be redacted. This will allow the board to select candidates based upon writing ability only.

At *JLE*, we function under the honor system. If you verify, by signing at the bottom of the personal information sheet, that the work contained in your application packet is your own and that your cumulative grade point average is at least a 2.0, your application will be considered. Applications will be judged based upon 1) writing ability as reflected in the submitted abstract and writing sample and 2) dependability as reflected in one's résumé. If there are more qualified applicants than available positions, applicants will be invited to participate in a brief interview to aid the selection process.

Please be aware that should you be offered membership, there is a mandatory Orientation which will be announced at a later date.

Personal Information Sheet

Please fill out the following information and **attach this sheet** to the **back of your case abstract**.

Name: _____

Year 2022-2023 (circle one): 2L 3L 4L Other _____

Division 2022-2023 (circle one): Full-time Part-time

LS Professor: _____

E-mail address you check regularly: _____

Mailing address during school year: _____

Mailing address during summer: _____

Phone Number (Residence): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

Assignment Preferences

Assignments involve reading and writing abstracts for scholarly articles (no subdivision by area of law) and cases (subdivision by area of law). Currently, candidates are assigned to one of six subject areas: articles, constitutional law, disability and harassment law, employment law, student loans and litigation, and torts. Rank these subject areas according to your interest (see below). If selected for candidacy, this ranking will be considered in making assignments; candidates are not guaranteed assignments based upon this ranking.

Rank your preference from 1 to 6, with 1 being “most interested” and 6 being “least interested.”

- ___ Articles
- ___ Constitutional Law
- ___ Disability and Harassment Law
- ___ Employment Law
- ___ Student Loans and Litigation
- ___ Torts

Academic Credit and Writing Options

Given the membership requirements of the journal and law school policies for earning academic credit and meeting the writing requirement, a variety of options exist for candidates. Please indicate your preference for earning academic credit and meeting the writing requirement while fulfilling journal responsibilities.

Academic Credit

___ I do not desire to earn academic credit while completing the membership requirements.

___ I desire to earn academic credit while completing the membership requirements.

Writing Requirement Credit

___ I prefer not to use my journal note for the writing requirement.

___ I prefer to write a paper that meets the writing requirement.

Note that if you are selected for candidacy, your first assignment will occur over the summer, usually in July.

I verify that the work contained in this application is my own and that my cumulative grade point average is at least 2.0. Signature: _____