

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE LAW REVIEW

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

Thank you for your interest in the *University of Louisville Law Review*. Please adhere to the instructions below when submitting your application.

Application:

The application consists of five parts:

1. Statement of Interest and Experience
2. Short Essay
3. Grade Release Form
4. Editing Assignment
5. Writing Sample

Statement of Interest and Experience. Use this portion of the application to tell us why you are interested in Law Review membership. This is also an opportunity to show us who you are as an individual and the experiences that have prepared you for journal membership.

Short Essay. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your legal research and writing skills. This is a short essay (two (2) pages max) of your own work. We are looking for clear and concise writing, well organized sentence structures, creativity of analysis, and resolution of relevant issues. The rubric is attached for your review. More details are discussed below.

Grade Release Form. The grade release form must be physically signed. Please print the release, sign your name, and attach the form as a separate document. If you do not have access to a scanner, it is acceptable to use phone apps such as GeniusScan, Tiny Scanner, and Scannable to scan your form. If you have difficulty scanning your form, please email the Senior Notes Editor, Hannah DePoy at hgdepo01@louisville.edu.

Editing Assignment. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your editing and citation skills. Further instructions are provided on the Editing Assignment page.

Writing Sample. We ask that you send a portion of the Argument section of your Lawyering Skills appellate brief, no more than ten (10) pages. **Do not** send the entire brief. The excerpt you submit **MUST** be substantially your own work. If you worked with other students on the brief, only submit an excerpt that was substantially written and edited by you. Please indicate which party you represent at the top of your sample.

Submission:

Please submit your application as an attachment via email to the Senior Notes Editor, Hannah DePoy, at hgdepo01@louisville.edu. For anonymity purposes, please **do not** write your name on this document and save your application as [Your Student Number_Vol. 61 New Member Application]. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours informing you of its receipt. All application materials **must** be submitted by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2022**. Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered.

Membership Offers:

Membership offers will be extended by the Editor in Chief, Kate Duke, by **Wednesday, June 1st, 2022**. Mandatory orientation for first-year members is scheduled for the morning of **Saturday, June 25th, 2022**. If a membership offer is extended, and an unmovable conflict arises for the date the orientation is scheduled, contact the Senior Notes Editor, Hannah DePoy, at hgdepo01@louisville.edu.

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HONOR CODE

The completed editing assignment should be solely your work product. You should edit the entire assignment yourself. By submitting an application for membership on Law Review, you are agreeing to comply with the law school's honor code with respect to all application materials.

Good luck and thank you for applying for membership with the *University of Louisville Law Review*. If you have any questions about the application process, or if you have problems with the submission itself, please contact Hannah DePoy at hgdepo01@louisville.edu, or Kate Duke at kathryn.ortiz@louisville.edu

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FIRST-YEAR MEMBER INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE FORM:

I. Statement of Interest:

Briefly describe why you want to be a member of Law Review and what you think you would bring to the journal:

II. Experience:

Please describe any prior work, volunteer, educational or life experience that might allow you to bring a unique perspective to Law Review:

III. Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information you would like us to consider as we review your application material:

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GRADE RELEASE FORM:

I consent to the release of my cumulative grade point average for all courses I have taken in law school (either while at the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law or any other law school) for potential consideration during the evaluation of my application to the *University of Louisville Law Review*. I realize that this consent is prospective and may be revoked by me at any time.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Personal Information:

Student number (7-digit number on your student ID card):

Current year in school as of Spring [YEAR] (1L, 2L, 3L, or 4L):

Division (full or part time):

Anticipated year and division for Fall [YEAR] (e.g. 2L full time):

Anticipated graduation date (month, year):

Have you completed your writing requirement?

Have you applied for membership with *Law Review* previously?

Email where you can be contacted this summer:

Address and phone number where you can be contacted this summer:

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VOLUME 61 EDITING ASSIGNMENT:

Assignment Instructions:

Attached is an example of part of a (purposefully poorly written) Law Review Note. Correct as many problems with the writing as you can find. There is no punishment for correcting something that we do not consider to be a problem. Most of the errors relate to grammar and proper citation format. Assume the source specified in the footnote is correct. However, this does not guarantee that the citation in the footnote conforms to the proper Bluebook format.

Any edits that you feel are necessary may be done in one of two ways:

1. **Electronic:** you may use Track Changes, add comments, or change the font color with any changes that you choose to make; or
2. **Written:** you may choose to print the editing assignment and hand write your suggested changes in pen that is a different color. If you choose this method, you must still scan the completed assignment and email an electronic copy with the rest of your application materials. If you do not have access to a scanner, phone apps like GeniusScan, Tiny Scanner, and Scannable are convenient ways to scan documents.

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In addition to becoming more vocal about their experiences, a 2018 study by PRRI and MTV found young women were more likely to report political engagement than young men, in defiance of historical trends.¹²⁹ While women appeared to seem ambivalent about Hillary Clinton's campaign, studies now demonstrate "a greater interest in supporting female candidates generally."¹³⁰ Not only, did 65% percent of women ages 18 through 44 believe the country would be better off with more women in political office, 61% stated electing more women as "very important priority"¹³¹. Further, women are increasingly admitting they would rather work for a woman than a man.¹³²

The importance of jury selection has propelled the development of an entire industry of jury investigators and consultants.¹³³ If a juror has an online presence, investigators can obtain pictures; conversations; preferences; as well as the places they have traveled; their relationship statuses; who they are friends with; their favorite books, movies, and hobbies; and sometimes their current locations.¹³⁴

¹²⁹ Daniel Cox & Melissa Deckman *Young Women Could Redefine The Women's Vote*, FIVETHIRTYEIGHT (Jul. 5, '18), <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/why-young-women-might-get-more-women-elected/> (discussing Alex Vandermaas-Peeler, et al, *Diversity, Division, Discrimination: The State of Young America*, MTV/PRRI REPORT (Jan 10, 2018), <https://www.prrri.org/research/mtv-culture-and-religion/>)

¹³⁰ *Id.*

¹³¹ *Id.*

¹³² *Id.* (discussing Jennifer De Pinto, *Women think U.S. would be better off with more women in office*, CBS NEWS POLL (January 19th, 2018), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/women-think-u-s-would-be-better-off-with-more-women-in-office-cbs-news-poll/>).

¹³³ Katherine Allen, *The Jury: Modern Day Investigation and Consultation*, 34 REV. LITIG. 529-530 (2015).

¹³⁴ *Id.* at 534-535. Physical investigations of jurors were curbed by *Sinclair v. U.S.*, but the rise of social media has supported the work of jury investigators, especially where "jurors are far more frank in their communications in their personal {social media} pages than typical jury questionnaires." *Id.* at 533-535

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VOLUME 61 SHORT ESSAY:

Write a two-page essay in which you will (1) analyze a current issue and (2) propose a solution to said issue. Here are a few ideas that can help you get started: a decided case you disagree with, a recent U.S. Supreme Court case that was granted certiorari, or a current law/policy you believe is an issue. This should be solely your work product. As stated above, by submitting an application for membership on Law Review, you agree to comply with the law school's honor code with respect to all application materials. Please cite your sources according to the Bluebook using *endnotes*.