

## GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW FACT SHEET

The GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW is a student-run academic journal that publishes four issues a year. Members select and edit scholarly articles written by professors and practitioners that greatly contribute to the field of legal scholarship. Members also have the opportunity to write a casenote or comment, a number of which are published in the Law Review. All first year students who have a desire to participate in this organization should prepare for both the challenges and the fulfillment of membership. The following list briefly outlines membership requirements and responsibilities:

### **The Write-On Competition**

- Students who wish to become Members of the Law Review MUST participate in the annual Write-On Competition. The Write-On Competition packet will be released on May 14, 2009. Entries are due May 28, 2009.
- Participants in the Write-On Competition write a short casenote using only the cases and articles in the packet. No other research is allowed. Participants also must complete a short editing exercise.
- The same casenote can be used for the Law Review, the Civil Rights Law Journal, and the Journal of International Commercial Law. For examples of previous student casenotes and comments, please see the GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW website, <http://www.law.gmu.edu/gmulawreview/issues>.

### **Membership Selection**

- The write-on selection process is conducted anonymously. We will not know the identities of write-on submission authors until after they are selected.
- The Law Review can only extend offers of membership to students in the top half of the class at the end of their first year.
- The Law Review will select participants for candidate membership from two pools. The Law Review reads every submission in both Pools. Participants in the top 15% of the first-year class will comprise Pool 1. The best two-thirds of write-on entries from Pool 1 will be extended invitations to join the Law Review. Those not selected from Pool 1 will then have their entries included in Pool 2. The best entries from Pool 2 will be chosen as Candidate Members, and the number of offers from Pool 2 is at the discretion of the Review Committee.
- This year, there were thirty Candidate Members. We anticipate having a similar number of Candidate Members next year. The Law Review will extend offers in mid-July 2009.

### **Candidate and Full Membership**

- Selected Candidate Members must complete a footnote editing assignment in mid-August and attend an orientation before the fall semester starts. Candidate Members

also take Scholarly Writing, a one credit pass/fail class in the fall semester, which outlines the process for writing a casenote or comment.

- Candidate Members do not become Full Members until they (1) Write a casenote or comment of publishable quality; (2) Complete all required spading assignments (footnote editing) and other journal work; and (3) Complete the one-credit Scholarly Writing class.
- Full Members have an opportunity to apply for positions on the Board of Editors in the spring. The new Board will be responsible for managing the Law Review the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Senior Notes Editor George Ingham at [george.ingham@gmail.com](mailto:george.ingham@gmail.com). If you have any questions regarding the Law Review or membership in general, please contact Editor-in-Chief Alyssa DaCunha at [alyssa.dacunha@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.dacunha@gmail.com).