

CIVIL RIGHTS LAW JOURNAL



2008-2009 Application Information

CRLJ's Mission: To provide informative and innovative commentary on a wide variety of issues pertaining to American civil rights that contributes to the legal community. The Civil Rights Law Journal serves as a forum for thought-provoking scholarly articles written by leading academics and experienced practitioners on current legal developments. The articles selected for publication each year promote a greater understanding of civil rights laws and precedent, serve as a catalyst for legal change and development, and provide a source of legal authority and analysis to the legal community.

What types of articles does the journal publish? Recent CRLJ articles have addressed issues such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, free speech, abortion rights, cruel and unusual punishment, search and seizure, voting rights, and the Second Amendment. The possibilities are endless when it comes to writing about civil rights issues!

Benefits of joining CRLJ:

- Build your resume while honing your research, writing, and editing skills
- Meet new people and build close relationships with the Board of Editors and Student Mentors
- Gain access to the CRLJ Outline Bank
- Compete for an opportunity to publish your work

During the 2008-2009 academic year, CRLJ plans to:

- Publish three issues that will include diverse perspectives on pertinent civil rights issues
- Hold a civil rights symposium on a significant and timely civil rights issue

How does the journal select its candidate members?

- 1L and 2E students with at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible for membership
- Write-on Competition: Applicants must participate in the write-on competition.
- CRLJ will select 30-35 students based 50% on their write-on submission and 50% on their GPA.
- In addition, CRLJ reserves the right to select 10% of its incoming candidate member class based on students' write-on scores alone.

Candidate member requirements:

- Attend a one-credit scholarly writing class
- Complete spading assignments (approximately ten per year)
- Write a casenote or comment about a civil rights topic of your choice

CRLJ atmosphere: The journal's atmosphere is collegial and relaxed. CRLJ members are friendly, hardworking, and passionate about increasing awareness about civil rights law and the visibility of GMU.

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We look forward to meeting you!