

# Law Review

## Informational Session



# Importance of Law Reviews

## What do law reviews do?

- **Edit, Publish, and Write** scholarly work
- Written by professors, judges, lawyers, students, and other professionals
- To keep the legal community informed and up to date with current and important legal issues.

## Benefits:

- Editing, Writing, & Researching Skills – YAY EDITING, WRITING, & RESEARCH!
- Writing Credit for Your Student Note – YAY WRITING CREDIT!\*\*
- Bluebooking Skills – YAY BLUEBOOKING!
- Judicial Clerkships
- Job placement
- Networking

\*\*This writing credit is optional and *not* based on your participation in a law review. If you would like to use the student note/comment you write for your law review requirements to *also* fulfill one upper level writing requirement, you may do so **if you follow the proper procedures**.

# Law Reviews at Miami Law

## *University of Miami Law Review*

- Grade-on and write-on eligibility

## *University of Miami Business Law Review*

- Write-on eligibility only

## *Inter-American Law Review*

- Write-on eligibility only

## *International & Comparative Law Review*

- Write-on eligibility only

## *Race & Social Justice Law Review*

- Write-on eligibility only

**2021 Law Review Writing Competition:** All 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to participate based on the eligibility requirements for each law review (more later)

# University of Miami Business Law Review (UMBLR)

- Founded in 1990
- Publishes long- and short-form work on recent, compelling, and cutting-edge business issues
- Publishes two full issues per year
- Opportunity to develop important writing and editing skills.
- Network with alumni of the business and legal communities.

# UMBLR: Eligibility Requirements

**Must** participate in the Writing Competition, and

- 1Ls: Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
- 2Ls: Have a 3.2 GPA or be in the top 50% of class

# UMBLR: Candidate Requirements

## Selected Candidate Requirements:

- Participate in UMBLR's editorial processes
- Submit a paper of publishable quality
- Write one blog post

# UMBLR: Contact Information

- **Editor-in-Chief:** Brett Dembrow,  
[bnd20@law.miami.edu](mailto:bnd20@law.miami.edu)
- **Senior Writing Editor:** Sara Thompson,  
[smt103@law.miami.edu](mailto:smt103@law.miami.edu)
- **Website:** <http://business-law-review.law.miami.edu/>

# University of Miami Inter- American Law Review (IALR)

- Founded in 1969 (second-oldest)
- Forum for international and inter-American legal developments (business, human rights, tax, etc.)
- Publishes two issues per year
- Hosts Annual “Lawyer of the Americas Banquet”
- Over 800 alumni
  - Judges (Federal & State)
  - Alumni Advisor
  - Partners at Am Law-100 Firms



# IALR: Eligibility Requirements

**Must** participate in the Writing Competition, and

- 1Ls: Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
- 2Ls: Have a 3.2 GPA or be in the top 50% of class

# IALR: Candidate Requirements

## Selected Candidate Requirements:

- Participate in editorial process
- Author a note of publishable quality
- Publish a blog post

# IALR: Contact Information

- **Office:** D335 (third floor of Library)
- **Website:** <http://law.miami.edu/IALR>
- **Editor-in-Chief:** Alexa Garcia
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- **Senior Writing Editor:** Camila Chediak & Alejandro J. Anselmi González
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# International & Comparative Law Review (ICLR)

- Founded in 1991
- Focus:
  - A journal committed to issues that shape international relations.
  - Articles published in our review are not isolated to a specific region, but address international and/or comparative issues.
- The most “open topic” of any of the secondary reviews.
- Publishes 2 issues per year

# ICLR: Eligibility Requirements

**Must** participate in the Writing Competition, and

- 1Ls: Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
- 2Ls: Have a 3.2 GPA or be in the top 50% of class

# ICLR: Candidate Requirements

## Selected Candidate Requirements:

- Participate in editorial process
- Submit a student note for publication consideration (30 page minimum)
- Two short blog posts, one per semester

# ICLR: Contact Information

- **Editor-in-Chief: Micaela Carou-Baldner,**
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- **Managing Editor: Gabrielle Craft**
  - [gabrielle.craft@law.miami.edu](mailto:gabrielle.craft@law.miami.edu)

# Race & Social Justice Law Review (RSJLR)

- Founded in 2007
- RSJLR is committed to the promotion and publication of scholarly articles that address the legal, social, economic, and psychological issues that affect communities of color and other groups affected by social injustices
- Publishes two issues per year
- Opportunities to network with RSJLR alumni



# RSJLR: Eligibility Requirements

**Must** participate in the Writing Competition, and

- 1Ls: Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
- 2Ls: Have a 3.2 GPA or be in the top 50% of class

# RSJLR: Candidate Requirements

## Selected Candidate Requirements:

- Participate in the editorial process
- Author 1-2 blog posts per academic year
  - Approximately 2 pages on a timely topic
- Submit a note for publication consideration
  - Must be written under the supervision of a faculty member for academic credit

# RSJLR: Contact Information

- **Editor-in-Chief:** Megan Schmidt,  
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- **Staff Managing Editor:** Jordan Gary,  
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- **RSJLR Website:**  
<https://race-and-social-justice-review.law.miami.edu>

# University of Miami Law Review (UMLR)

- The University of Miami's flagship law review
  - Oldest: Founded in 1947
  - Most cited: Publications cited by all circuits and Supreme Court
- Scholarly publication that publishes four times a year
- Open-topic law review
  - Issue 1: Open Topic
  - Issue 2: Symposium Issue
  - Issue 3: Open Topic
  - Issue 4: Eleventh Circuit Issue
- Networking with notable alumni: Alumni Advisory Board and Young Alumni Council

# UMLR: Eligibility Requirements

**Grade-on Eligibility:** Top 7% of class or section  
(1Ls)

**Write-on Eligibility:** Top 33 1/3% of class (1Ls &  
2Ls)

- TBD, Summer 2021
- Expectations, tricks and tips!
- Panel with successful write-on members!

**Must attend “How to Write a Casenote” Workshop**

# UMLR: Membership Requirements

## Selected Members' Requirements:

- Participate in editorial process
  - Minimum of 3 editing cycles
- Complete a student note or comment of publishable quality
  - Minimum of 35 pages
- Write a 500-word blog post on a timely issue
- Complete a Pageproof

# UMLR: Contact Information

- **Editor-in-Chief:** Jose M. Espinosa,  
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- **Editor-in-Chief-elect:** Daniel Mayor,  
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- **Senior Writing Editor:** Hauser, Madison D,  
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- **Website:** <http://lawreview.law.miami.edu/>
- **Office:** B346 (third floor of Library)

# 2020 Law Review Writing Competition: Introduction

- Required to write a casenote
  - Identify and analyze a new development in law
    - We will provide topic and sources for you
- Graded based on
  - Analysis
  - Creativity
  - Writing
  - Grammar
  - Bluebooking
- RANK the journals according to your preference
  - You will only receive ONE offer



# 2020 Law Review Writing Competition Registration

- Registration and Competition Dates To Be Determined
- No cost to participate *unless* you elect to have the materials packet printed for you
  - Printed packet contingent on Law Library operation in June
  - Packet Cost: **To Be Determined**
  - Pay via credit card when you register or pay cash when you pick up the packet on the first day of the competition.

# Writing Competition: Materials & Topic

We will provide you ALL the source you need!

- Between 450-550 pages
- Will include recent case & supporting/related material
- Equal opportunity to argue both sides
- CANNOT USE OUTSIDE MATERIALS (other than your Bluebook)

The topic of the Writing Competition must be kept confidential prior to the start of the Competition.

# Casenote Quick Overview

## Formatting:

- **Text:** No more than 12 double-spaced pages
- **Endnotes:** no more than 8 pages
  - Citations in Bluebook format (use the white pages!)
- Title, but no cover page
- Page numbers
- **Font:** Times New Roman, size 12
- **No identifying information other than AGN**
- Certificate of Compliance

**Scheduling:** Inform employers as early as possible if you think you are going to participate in the Writing Competition.

# Honor Code: Collaboration

**NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE!:** Any outside assistance AT ALL is prohibited.

- This *includes, but is not limited to*, assistance from all of the following
  - Any member of any law review;
  - Other students competing in the competition;
  - Other students *not* competing in the competition;
  - Professors;
  - Bosses;
  - Judges;
  - Paralegals;
  - Moms;
  - Dads;
  - Siblings;
  - Pets;
  - Literally anyone, etc.
- This also means that you cannot read/edit anyone else's casenote or have anyone else read/edit your casenote

# Honor Code: Plagiarism

**NO PLAGIARISM!:** Violation of the competition AND the Law School's Honor Code..

- Defined as “knowingly appropriating another’s words or ideas and representing them as one’s own.” University of Miami School of Law Honor Code § 1.03(b)

Tips: ***When in doubt, cite it out!!!!!!!!!!***

- Identify all sources relied upon
- If a direct quote, use quotation marks
- If paraphrased or if ideas are substantially derived from a source, identify the source
- Use SIGNALS when not direct support (like a direct quote).

# Casenotes: More Information

## “How to Write a Casenote” Presentation

- Will discuss casenotes in greater detail
- Available at <https://lawreview.law.miami.edu/writing-competition/>
- **Mandatory Attendance**

# Questions?

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**Thank you!**