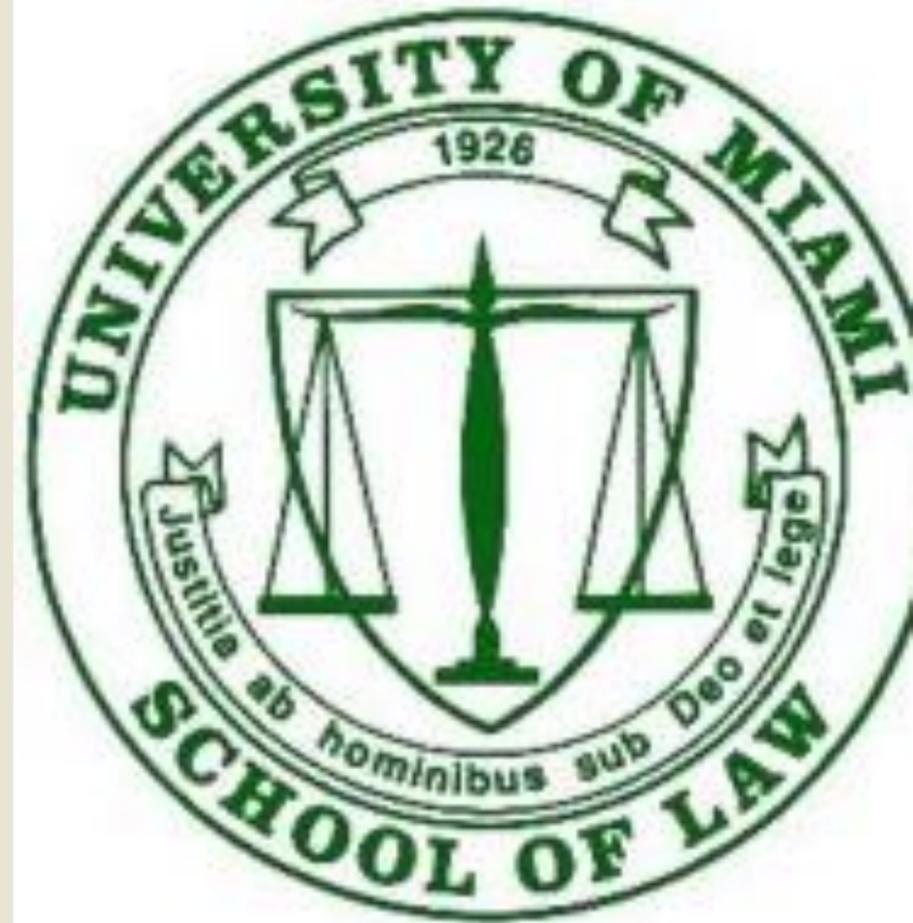


LAW REVIEW

INFORMATION SESSION



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

Race & Social Justice Law Review

- Write-on eligibility only

Inter-American Law Review

- Write-on eligibility only

International & Comparative Law Review

- Write-on eligibility only

2026 Law Review Writing Competition:

All 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to participate based on the eligibility requirements for each law review (more later)

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***
- Writing Credit for Your Student Note/Comment***
- Bluebooking Skills***
- Judicial Clerkships
- Job Placement
- Networking

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

University of Miami Business Law Review (UMIBLR)

- Founded in 1990
- Publishes long- and short-form work on recent, compelling, and cutting-edge business legal issues
- Publishes three 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 2026 Writing Competition, and:
 - **1Ls:** Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
 - **2Ls:** Have a 3.1 GPA or be in the top 50% of class (at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester).

UMBLR: Junior Staff Editor Requirements

Selected JSE Requirements:

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

UMBLR: Contact Information

Editor-in-Chief: Niamh Keane; nxk434@miami.edu.

Senior Writing Editor: Lauren Rasco; lar203@law.miami.edu.

Website: <http://business-lawreview.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 1,000 alumni:
 - Judges (Federal & State)
 - Alumni Advisor
 - Partners at Am Law-100 Firms

IALR: Eligibility Requirements

- **MUST** participate in the 2026 Writing Competition, and:
 - **1Ls:** Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
 - **2Ls:** Have a 3.1 GPA or be in the top 50% of class (at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester).

IALR: Junior Staff Editor Requirements

Selected JSE Requirements:

- Participate in the editorial processes
- Author a Note/Comment of publishable quality
- Publish one blog post
- Attend the Lawyer of the America's Event

IALR: Contact Information

Editor-in-Chief: Noah Bruster; nrb118@miami.edu.

Website: <https://inter-american-law-review.law.miami.edu/>.

Office: D335 (third floor of Library)

International & Comparative Law Review (ICLR)

- Founded in 1991
- Focus:
 - A journal committed to legal issues of countries from all corners of the world.
 - 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 two issues per year

ICLR: Eligibility Requirements

- **MUST** participate in the 2026 Writing Competition, and:
 - **1Ls:** Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
 - **2Ls:** Have a 3.1 GPA or be in the top 50% of class (at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester).

ICLR: Junior Staff Editor Requirements

Selected JSE Requirements:

- Participate in the editorial processes
- Submit a Note/Comment of publishable quality
(30 page minimum)
- Publish two short blog posts; one per semester

ICLR: Contact Information

Editor-in-Chief: Sophia Ward; sew138@law.miami.edu.

Website: <http://international-and-comparative-law-review.law.miami.edu>.

Race & Social Justice Law Review (RSJLR)

- Founded in 2008
- 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 2026 Writing Competition, and:
 - **1Ls:** Have a 3.0 GPA or be in the top 50% of class; or
 - **2Ls:** Have a 3.1 GPA or be in the top 50% of class (at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester).

RSJLR: Junior Staff Editor Requirements

Selected JSE Requirements:

- Participate in the editorial processes
- Author 1–2 blog posts per academic year (approximately 2 pages on a timely topic)
- Submit a note for publication consideration.

RSJLR: Contact Information

Editor-in-Chief: Emma Rice; emmarice@law.miami.edu.

Website: <http://race-and-social-justice-review.law.miami.edu>.

University of Miami Law Review (UMILR)

- 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 per year in print, and **two** times per year online.
- Open-topic law review
 - Issue 2: Symposium Issue
 - Issue 4: Eleventh Circuit Issue
- *Networking with notable alumni*: Alumni Advisory Board and Young Alumni Council

UMILR: Eligibility Requirements

1L Grade-on Eligibility: Top 5% of class

1L Write-on Eligibility: Students with a minimum of 3.5 GPA

2Ls: Write on Eligibility with minimum GPA of 3.55 at the conclusion of Fall 2025 semester.

**GRADES ARE RELEASED AFTER THE WRITING
COMPETITION CLOSES.**

All students who want to be on a law review should do the competition, even if they believe they will rank within the top 5% of their class.

If a student does not complete the writing competition, and does not later “grade-on,” under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will they be allowed to retroactively participate in the 2026 Writing Competition.

UMILR: Junior Staff Editor Requirements

Selected JSE Requirements:

- Participate in editorial processes
 - Minimum of 3 editing cycles; each cycle is 2 weeks
- Complete a student Note/Comment of **publishable quality**
 - Article on a topic of your choice; work with a faculty advisor
 - Minimum of 35 pages
- Write a 500–word blog post on a timely issue.

UMLR: Contact Information

Editor-in-Chief: Jackie Macia; UMLREIC@law.miami.edu.

Senior Writing Editor: Emily Lopez;

UMLRSeniorWritingEditor@law.miami.edu.

Website: <http://lawreview.law.miami.edu/>.

Office: B346 (third floor of Library).

Law Review Responsibilities

- Academic honor; membership is highly valued and respected in legal community.
- All law reviews have significant editing and writing responsibilities
 - Substantial time commitment
 - Members must be dedicated
- Accepting an invitation to a Law Review = confirming your acceptance of these responsibilities

2026 Law Review Writing Competition: Eligibility

(1) GPA Requirement

(2) Information Session

(3) “How to Write a Casenote” Workshop, **attend one:**

- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026: 12:15–1:15, F309**

- *OR*

- **Wednesday, April 8, 2026: 12:15–1:15, F209**

(4) Attend intellectual life events for a minimum of **four hours** total.



Mandatory Intellectual Life Events

- In order to participate in the Writing Competition, you must attend one or more of the following Intellectual Life events for a minimum of four (4) hours total. (EVENTS ON THE FOLLOWING SLIDES!)
- You may divide this time as you choose (for example, you may attend one event for four hours, or attend multiple events that together total four hours).
- Registration is required for these events, and a sign-in sheet will be used to track attendance and time.

Upcoming Intellectual Life Events

University of Miami Law Review Symposium: *The Constitutional Mosaic:
The Balance of Federal Powers in Modern America*

Friday, February 20, 2026, 1:10 – 5:00 p.m.

Shalala Student Center, Activities Room, University of Miami

4 hours available for attendance in full.

Upcoming Intellectual Life Events

*University of Miami International and Comparative Law Review and
University of Miami Business Law Review Symposium: Checkpoints and
Checkbooks: The Legal Implications of Tariffs on International Trade*

March 6, 2026, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Lakeside Student Center, University of Miami

4 hours available for attendance in full.

Upcoming Intellectual Life Events

University of Miami Race & Social Justice Law Review Lunch Series:

- ***March 18, 2026, "Health or Harm?": Medicaid Cuts, Reproductive Care, and Racial Disparities in Florida (2 hours available)***
- ***March 24, 2026, Gerrymandering, Voting Power, & Race in Florida's Legislative Maps (1 hour available)***
- ***March 30, 2026, Everglades Detention Center (1 hour available)***

12:15 – 1:20 p.m.

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4 hours available for attendance across all Lunch Series events.

2026 Law Review Writing Competition

Introduction

- Required to write a **Casenote** (80% of score)
- Identify and analyze a new development in law
 - We will provide topic and sources for you
 - Similar to a normal law review article
- AND required to complete a **Bluebook quiz** (20% of score)
- Graded based on:
 - Analysis
 - Creativity
 - Writing
 - Grammar
 - Bluebooking
- ONE law review will extend you an offer.
- RANK the journals according to your preference.

2026 Law Review Writing Competition Registration

Registration:

- Start: Monday, April 6, 2026, 8:00 a.m. (EST)
- End: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (EST)

No cost to participate *unless* you elect to have the materials packet printed for you.

Packet Cost: **\$20.00**

Pay via credit card when you register or pay cash when you pick up the packet on the first day of the competition.

2026 Law Review Writing Competition Schedule

Competition:

- Start: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 11:00 a.m. (EST)
- End: Monday, May 18, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (EST)

No identifying information; only C#.

No late submissions will be accepted!!!

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

***No part of the writing competition (other than printed packet pick up) is in person.
Everything is submitted online.***

Announcement of Selected Students: Friday, May 29, 2026 (*Please note the announcement date is dependent upon an on-time grade release by the Registrar's Office*).

2026 Law Review Writing Competition Materials & Topic

We will provide you **ALL the sources you need!**

- Between 300–500 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

(More details during “How to Write a Casenote Workshop”)

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 C#
- Certificate of Compliance

Bluebook Quiz Quick Overview

- The **Bluebook quiz** is designed to test candidates' ability to navigate the Bluebook and apply its rules, as well as their attention to detail.
- Competition participants will be given ten citations which they will be required to edit in accordance with the Bluebook's 22nd edition.
- Use of outside resources is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and will be tracked, resulting in an Honor Code violation. Chat GPT does not know how to correctly Bluebook, so don't even try!

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.

NO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE!!!!

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” Workshops

- **MANDATORY** to attend one:
 - Tuesday, March 31, 2026: 12:15 – 1:15 PM in F309
 - Wednesday, April 8, 2026: 12:15 – 1:15 PM in F209
- Available at <https://lawreview.law.miami.edu/writing-competition/>.

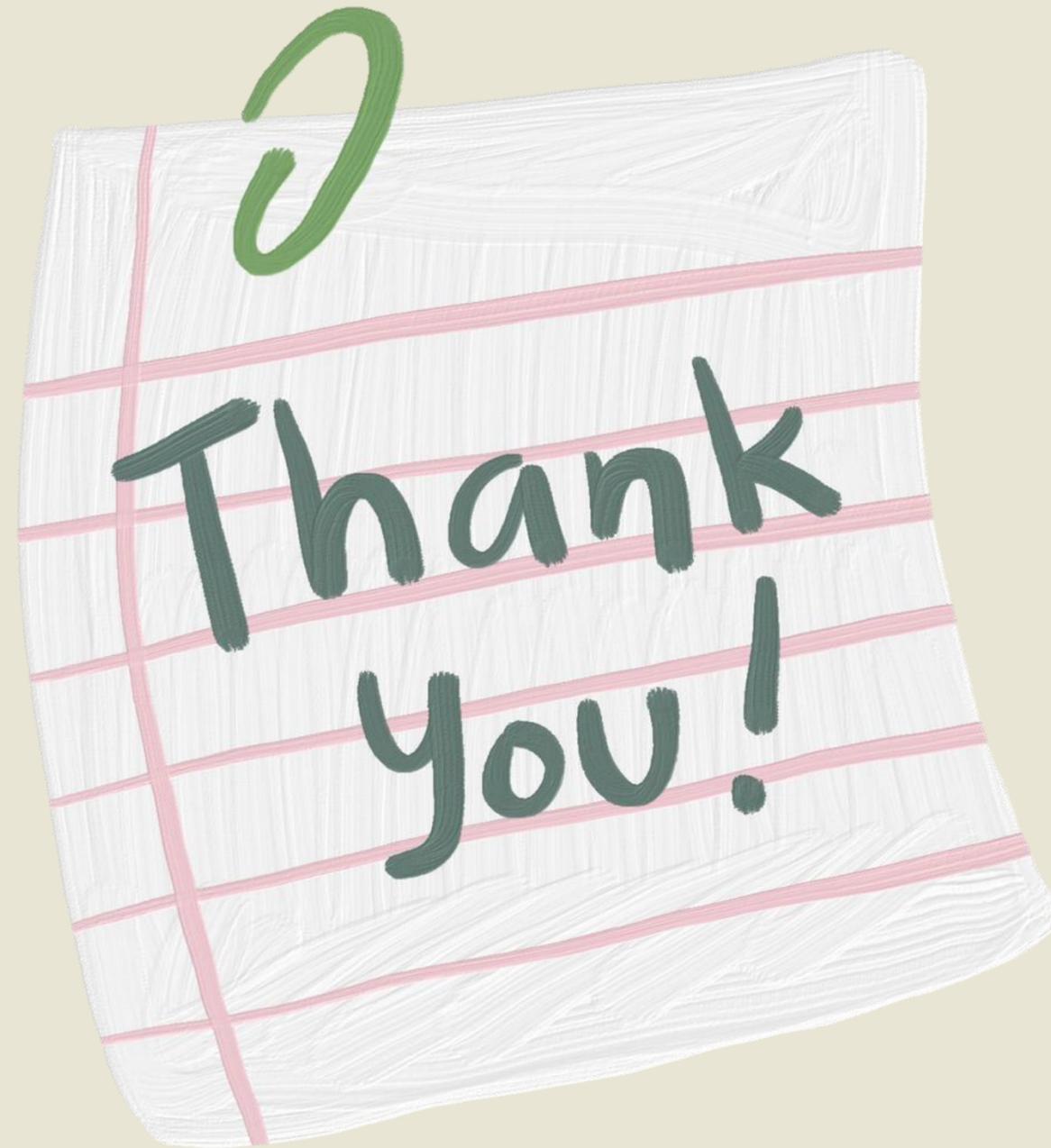
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