

# 2011 Law Review Writing Competition

*Environmental Law Review*

*Animal Law Review*

*Lewis & Clark Law Review*

## WHAT do law review members do?

- Law review members gain valuable legal research skills and an impressive addition to their resume. Working on law review is one of the rare opportunities in law school to collaborate with classmates, instead of competing with them on a curve, as members work together to create legal publications that influence the entire legal profession. Plus, if you join law review, you'll have access to the coveted law review lounge and a cool place to hang out between classes (with snacks!).
- Members generally receive 1 credit per semester their first year and 2 credits per semester their second year, with opportunities to earn more credit hours for members who serve on a law review board. They are also required to write a substantial legal paper during their time on law review, which can be used to fulfill other requirements, including the Capstone, WIE, and papers assigned in classes. Members must attend an orientation, usually held the last Saturday before fall classes start.

## WHO can join a law review?

- *Any law school student may join law review.* However, you must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 to be admitted to a law review. If you are a transfer student, you may participate in the competition even if you have not been formally admitted to the law school.

## WHY should I write-on?

- There are two ways to join a law review: by grading-on or writing-on. Grade-on offers are extended to prospective second-year day and evening students who rank in the top of their classes, usually those with GPAs in the top 10-20%. These offers will likely be made after the deadline for the write-on competition, probably sometime in July. (Note that the editorial boards may alter the class rank cut-off each year at their discretion.)
- This means that if you do not expect to rank in the top of your class, you should strongly consider writing on. However, even if you do expect to rank in the top of your class, you may still want to write-on since you likely will not know your rank before the write-on competition ends.
- Students that would like to participate in Ninth Circuit review, a publication produced by *Environmental Law*, must write on regardless of their class rank. These students write summaries of environmental law cases decided by the Ninth Circuit and write a paper related to a recent Ninth Circuit case during their first year on law review. From these papers, four or five are selected for publication in the summer issue.

## HOW do I write-on?

- To write-on to a law review, you must participate in the Law Review Writing Competition. All three law reviews select students from the same writing competition. Along with your submission, you will indicate which law review(s) you are interested in joining, and your order of preference.
- The competition is administered via The West Educational Network (TWEN). To access the TWEN site, login to TWEN and click "Add a Course." Check "Law Review (Write-On Competition)" and hit "Submit." You should now have a link to the competition TWEN site on your TWEN page. Please note you will not be able to add the course through TWEN until the first day of the competition.
- To access the actual writing problem, you will need a password. To acquire the password, e-mail the site administrator through the competition TWEN site. If you send an e-mail before 5pm, you should expect a reply the same day. The problem (and e-mail address) will be available at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2011. Once you have your password, you will be able to access the writing problem topic, instructions for writing an entry, and all resources necessary to complete the entry.

- **WARNING: Do not request a password until you are ready to start the problem. Once the administrator emails your password, your entry must be uploaded to TWEN within fourteen (14) calendar days, or by 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2011, whichever is sooner.** (This means that if you do not request your password until June 25, you will have one day to complete the problem and upload your entry.) All entries must be uploaded on TWEN.
- Entries must be formatted according to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (19th ed.) and *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style*. However, if you are only interested in joining *Animal Law Review*, you may format your paper using *ALWD Citation Manual* (4th ed.). Additional guidelines and formatting instructions will be provided with the writing problem.

**WHEN will I know the results?** Offers will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service in July or early August.

**To SUM IT UP:** To participate in the competition, first add the competition site to your TWEN account. The course and problem will be available at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 15. When you are ready to begin, e-mail the site administrator to receive your password. Once the administrator sends you the email, you will have fourteen (14) calendar days to complete the problem. No entries will be accepted after 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2011, regardless of when you requested your password.