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Joint Writing Competition

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Dear Potential Illini:

We invite you to join the 2009 Joint Writing Competition of the *Law Review*, *The Elder Law Journal*, and *The Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*. Journal membership is a time-consuming but rewarding experience. You have taken an important step by expressing your interest in joining one of our journals, and we hope that you will complete the process you have begun and submit an entry. This letter describes the journals, the responsibilities of staff members, and the competition process.

The Journals

The *University of Illinois Law Review* is our school's oldest scholarly journal, dating back to 1917. The journal publishes five issues per year containing articles from leading scholars worldwide and covering a broad range of topics. *The Elder Law Journal* is the nation's first and leading scholarly publication solely addressing elder law issues. Published twice a year, *The Elder Law Journal* cover all areas of law pertinent to the elderly, including traditional elder law issues such as estate planning, living wills, and Medicare, as well as other legal concerns and their application to the elderly, including privacy and civil rights concerns. The scope of *The Journal* is wide, and members have the opportunity to write their Notes on a wide range of topics that may extend beyond the core areas of elder law. *The Journal of Law, Technology & Policy* is a peer-reviewed, bi-annual, joint publication of the College of Law, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, and Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the UIUC. *JLTP* covers highly technical topics, as well as everyday issues involving technology and the law. Students do not need a hard science background, just a desire to explore how technology interacts with law and policy. We invite you to learn more about each journal at the College of Law website: <http://www.law.uiuc.edu/academics/journals-and-publications.asp>.

Responsibilities of Staff Members

Journal staff members have two main responsibilities: cite checking and writing a note for potential publication. Staff members participate in cite checking and editing of the Articles and notes being published in the respective journals' forthcoming issues. Each journal will provide members with additional information regarding cite checking requirements and procedures upon membership selection; however, the weekly time commitment for cite checking is estimated to be between two and four hours. In addition to cite checking, staff members must also complete a note to submit for potential publication in the respective journal. Throughout the year, staff members work with the editorial board of their respective journal to develop a topic and draft a note in accordance with the

requirements of each journal. Staff members receive one credit per semester upon completion of the above-described responsibilities. In addition, staff members have the opportunity to join the editorial board during their third year.

The Competition Process

The *Law Review*, *The Elder Law Journal*, and *The Journal of Law, Technology & Policy* hold a Joint Writing Competition, meaning that students need only submit one entry for consideration by all three journals. When you submit your entry, you will indicate for which journals you wish to be considered and if you wish to be considered by more than one journal, your first, second, and third preference. The entries are graded by each of the three journals on an anonymous basis, with no distinction between the entries of potential transfer students and current students. Membership invitations are extended based on each journal's scoring and your preference. You may receive an offer for membership from only one of the three journals.

The competition runs from May 29, 2009 to June 22, 2009, and consists of two major components: (1) a student-written note and (2) a citation exercise. The student-written note is a closed note, meaning that competitors are provided with the topic and issue, as well as the sources. Absolutely no outside research is allowed. For the citation exercise, students must correct approximately fifteen incorrect citations provided from a hypothetical journal article. Additional detail and instructions will be provided with the competition materials.

If you are interested in participating in the Joint Writing Competition, you must first register through the Joint Writing Competition secure website. Please contact Paul Pless to receive information about how to register by June 15, 2009. After registering, you will be assigned a competition number. Please do not include your competition number in any correspondence as it is extremely important to maintain your anonymity in the competition process. You will also receive further instructions for downloading the competition materials and submitting your entry. Though you may register up until June 15, 2009, we urge you to register as soon as possible because the competition materials are available starting May 29, 2009, and the deadline for submission of your entry is June 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. CST.

On behalf of our journals, we hope that you will participate in the 2009 Joint Writing Competition and look forward to reading your submission. Best of luck!

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