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SRBLSA Law Journal Editorial Board Application Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still apply even though it is past the July 11th application release date?

Yes. The applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all the spots are filled. Therefore, applicants who applied by the July 11th date have the best chances of earning a spot on the board. Please encourage anyone you think will be an excellent candidate to apply.

Does the ten to fifteen page limit include endnotes?

No, it does not – please generate a ten to fifteen page document excluding endnotes.

The writing competition directions instruct me to put the number of pages of my comment on the Honor Code page. However, there is not a designated place on the Honor Code page. Where should I note the number of pages?

Please indicate the number of pages above your signature on the Honor Code page.

What is the correct edition of Strunk and White?

The fourth edition will be used for the 2007-2008 year. The correct edition can be found here: http://www.amazon.com/Elements-Style-Fourth-William-Strunk/dp/0205313426/ref=pd_bbs_1/105-1734479-8678069?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1185161270&sr=8-1.

Can I apply to be an editor and simultaneously submit an abstract to the Third Volume of the *Journal*?

Yes, you can. However, it will entail a significant time commitment. Please plan your time accordingly if you choose this option. Failure to consistently adhere to deadlines will not be tolerated in either circumstance. Recommendation: use your submission to satisfy your school's writing requirement.

Will applying for an editor affect my chances of being selected for publication? (i.e. if I am not selected to become an editor, will I still have a good chance of being selected for publication)?

The selection process for the editors and the selection process for authors are completely independent of each other; one process has no bearing on the other.

How should I cite to the Background Information pages?

There are two Background Information pages. Please cite accordingly to the pages as Background Information 1, or Background Information 2.

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Currently, I am not a dues-paying BLSA member. How can I meet this requirement?

Contact your local BLSA President, and pay your dues for the 2007-2008 year. Obtain a written confirmation, including the contact information of your BLSA President, and submit along with your other application materials.

Can my local BLSA President send an email, or does the confirmation letter need to be mailed?

An email will suffice as long as it includes your BLSA President's current contact information. If you choose this option, please have your President email eic@srblsalawjournal.org.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

No, there is no minimum GPA requirement. However, you must be in good standing at a BLSA member law school within the southern region to become an editor. (You do not need to attend school in the southern region to submit an abstract, as the Journal will do a nationwide call for article submissions).

I plan to study abroad next year. Can I still apply to be an editor?

We strongly prefer editors who will physically be in the southern region for the 2007-2008 academic year. However, we will still consider applicants who study abroad, but not for executive-level positions. Applicants who study abroad should have access to email and phone for periodic conference calls.

I have committed to participate in a Moot Court/Mock Trial team next year. Should I still apply to be an editor?

Last year, several SRBLSA editors participated in moot court and mock trial teams in conjunction to their commitments to the Journal. Excellent time management skills are crucial if you choose this option. Take time to evaluate your commitments next year to ensure that you can significantly and adequately contribute to everything (including your schoolwork).

Do I need to cite to every source included in the writing packet? Will I be penalized if I do not cite to everything?

A good casenote does not have to cite to every source provided in the packet. Only use the materials that you feel are relevant to your argument.

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How can I indicate that something on the citation exam is italicized?

Underline the portion of the citation that should be italicized. There are no other portions that should be underlined, so this should not present a conflict.

The citation provided for the penultimate case, *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, does not appear to be correct. What is the correct citation?

The correct citation for that case is 491 U.S. 781.

I live in the Atlanta area, and it would be easier for me to drop off the completed application, rather than mail it. Where can I drop it off?

Please drop off the application at Emory Law School, located at 1301 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30322. The SRBLSA Law Journal has a mailfile located right outside the Career Services office. Please leave your application in that mailfile. Please send an email immediately after to eic@srblsalawjournal.org to confirm that you have complied with the deadline.

I mailed/dropped off my application. Is there anything else I need to do? How can I confirm that it has been received?

Please send an email confirming that you have complied with the deadline to eic@srblsalawjournal.org. **Please do not send the only copy of your materials. Make yourself a copy in case your materials get lost in transport.** Upon receipt of your materials, you will receive an email confirming our receipt. If you do not receive an email, we have not received your materials.

How many copies should I submit?

You need only submit one copy.

I turned in my application. When will I know if I have been selected?

Because applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, applicants will be notified approximately two to three weeks after receipt of the application.

My question hasn't been answered here. Where should I turn for answers?

Please don't hesitate to direct any and all questions to Camille Bent at eic@srblsalawjournal.org. She will respond to all emails within 24 hours (usually sooner). If you do not receive a response within 24 hours please send another email or give her a call. Please do not ask your friend, your professor, or anyone else for answers. Doing so would constitute a violation of your school's Honor Code.

Also, please visit www.srblsalawjournal.org for further guidance. Under the Documents tab, click on frequently asked questions for periodic updates.