

Animal Law Review • Environmental Law Review • Lewis & Clark Law Review  
2021 Joint Law Review Editing Competition

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW REVIEWS**

Thank you for participating in the joint editing competition for the three law reviews at Lewis & Clark Law School. Serving on law review has traditionally been an honor reserved for top students at law schools. Our school is no different, and two methods are used to select students for membership. First, many students “grade-on” to law review. Students are offered membership based solely on their class rank. Second, students may enter the editing competition to “write-on” to law review. Students are offered membership based on their performance in this competition. Combined, these methods ensure that the law reviews have sharp editors and skilled writers.

Many students are unfamiliar with law review, so the rest of this section will briefly describe the purpose and function of law reviews and the typical duties of students who serve on law reviews. Law reviews serve important functions in law schools. First, they publish academic scholarship on a variety of legal topics. Authors typically include professors, practicing attorneys, and students. Topics often involve unresolved areas of law, and the author will generally provide a history, framework, analysis, and also recommend a solution. For example, there may be a circuit split on a particular issue, and an author may recommend that the Supreme Court adopt a particular view, or the author may recommend a completely different approach. The scholarship is helpful to both lawyers and judges, and even the Supreme Court cites to law review articles in its opinions.

Second, law reviews provide an important opportunity for students to develop their research and writing skills. During their first year on Environmental Law Review (“ELR”) and Lewis & Clark Law Review (“LCLR”) and their first semester on Animal Law Review (“ALR”), students generally locate sources and verify that the sources support the factual assertions in law review articles. Additionally, the students edit the text and footnotes of the articles to conform to pertinent style and citation manuals. In their second semester, students on ALR are assigned an article to oversee throughout the editing process. During their second year, students on all three law reviews take on leadership roles by supervising first-year members and managing the editorial process.

Students on ELR and LCLR must write a substantial legal paper, which may be selected for publication. ALR does not have a paper requirement, but students are encouraged to submit a piece for publication, particularly for their national and international legislative review sections. Often, the required law review paper satisfies another school requirement, such as the capstone requirement. Finally, students receive academic credit for serving on law review, and all three journals expect a two-year commitment from rising 2Ls who wish to join.

Your skills in reviewing sources, writing, editing, and your ability to correctly format citations and conform to style manuals will be important to your success on law review. The purpose of this writing competition is to determine, among those interested in joining, which students are prepared for the challenges of law review. Good luck!

## II. 2021 Editing Problem Instructions

Please read the following instructions carefully and follow them closely. Please pay particular attention to the separate cover page requirements.

### Submission Process

If you are reading these instructions, you have successfully received a password and logged on to the Editing Competition TWEN site. Thank you for participating!

Your submission period began the day that the administrator sent you the email containing the password to the Editing Competition Instructions area of the TWEN site (regardless of when you actually opened the email). You have **SEVEN (7)** days, INCLUDING the date you received your password, to complete the competition. You should be able to complete the assignment in less than seven days, but extra time is allotted to provide you with flexibility.

You must upload your submission to TWEN no later than 11:59 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time on the seventh day. For example, if the email containing your password is dated Saturday, June 5 (any time on that day), you must submit no later than 11:59 P.M. on Friday, June 11. You may submit your assignment early. **CAREFULLY CALCULATE YOUR DUE DATE BECAUSE NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS.**

Regardless of when you receive your password, all submissions must be uploaded to **TWEN by 11:59 PDT on Wednesday, June 30.** For example, if the email containing your password is dated June 29 (at any time of the day), you will only have June 29 and June 30 to complete the assignment.

To submit your assignment, you must upload your document to the Assignment Drop Box on TWEN. Once you have uploaded the document, you will not be able to change it. Entries are evaluated anonymously, and you must **NOT** include your name, or any other identifying information, on your Editing Competition Submission (it will be assigned a random number upon receipt).

### Editing Instructions

The Citation Problem consists of six pages of an actual, unpublished law review article. Read the article and fix any citation, grammar, and spelling errors. It is unnecessary to make significant revisions to the article, i.e., organizational, or complete sentence re-writes. It is also unnecessary to locate the materials cited or verify the citation accurately supports the author's assertion.

- Download the document titled "Write-On Challenge."
- Ensure Track Changes is ON.
- Correct all citation errors in the footnotes in compliance with either the Bluebook 20th or 21st edition.

- Correct all grammatical and spelling errors in compliance with (1) the Bluebook 20th or 21st edition and (2) either the Redbook 3d or 4th edition *or* the Texas Law Review Manual of Usage & Style 12th edition.
- Create a SEPERATE cover page and provide the following information:
  - Contact information (name, email address, year in school for 2021–22, and your mailing address for July–Aug. 2021). Please **DO NOT** provide identifying information anywhere else in the document.
  - Identify the journal(s) for which you would like to be considered in order of your preference. You will only be considered for the journals you list on your cover page. You may list more than one journal at the same level, indicating you have no preference between journals.
    - For example, if you would like to be considered for Lewis & Clark Law Review first, then it should be listed first. Or, if you would like to be equally considered for Environmental Law Review and Animal Law Review as your first choice, list both as your first choice. **If you do not want to be considered for a particular journal, do not list the journal on your cover sheet.**
    - Listing journals in a way contrary to these instructions will confuse reviewers and may result in a journal assignment contrary to your intent.
- Save the cover page as “Cover Page.”
- Save and rename the marked up “Write-on Challenge” document as “Editing Competition.”
- Upload the “Cover Page” and “Editing Competition” documents to TWEN in either .doc or .docx format. Do not submit your assignment in PDF format (.pdf). You must upload the cover page and citation assignment to the Assignment Drop Box on TWEN.

### **Permissible Materials**

You may use the following materials to complete this problem:

- The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 20th or 21st ed. (20th ed. is available on TWEN)
- The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style, 3d or 4th ed. (3d ed. is available on TWEN)
- Texas Law Review Manual on Usage & Style, 12th ed. (2011)
- Any edition of Black’s Law Dictionary (available on Westlaw)
- Any edition of any standard English dictionary

### **Additional Information**

The Citation problem must be your own work product. **All provisions of the Honor Code apply to this competition.**

DO NOT:

- Discuss the problem before, during, or after the competition (this includes the following school year);

- Permit anyone review to your work, regardless of whether the reviewer is also competing; and
- Solicit aid from or speak to current law review members, other students, or any other person about the problem.

Anyone who violates these requirements will be automatically disqualified from the competition. If you have questions regarding the problem, email [review.law.questions@gmail.com](mailto:review.law.questions@gmail.com).

If you accept an offer of membership from any journal, you must attend a mandatory orientation before fall classes begin (usually held the weekend prior to the start of classes). All applicants invited to be a member of Environmental Law Review will also be considered for Ninth Circuit Review membership. No separate application is necessary.

Please note that the rules and instructions listed in this document control in the event that information from other sources conflicts with the information listed in this document. If you have questions or concerns about potential conflicting information, please ask via email: [review.law.questions@gmail.com](mailto:review.law.questions@gmail.com)