

TEXAS LAW REVIEW

Frequently Asked Questions: 2016 Multi-Journal Spring Write-On Competition

1. *What is the multi-journal Spring Write-On Competition?*

The Multi-Journal Spring Write-On Competition is a way to become a member of any of the twelve Texas Law journals. It is the only way to become a member of some journals, including the TEXAS LAW REVIEW. In your application, you will choose which journals you would like to consider your application. This does not obligate you to join any journal, and you have the option to decline an offer of membership.

2. *Who can enter the multi-journal Spring Write-On Competition?*

Any rising 2L, rising 3L, or incoming transfer student can enter the Write-On Competition. Most journals (including the TEXAS LAW REVIEW) will consider both rising 2Ls and 3Ls, though some journals will consider only rising 2Ls. Policies on transfer students and LLM students vary. See the online journal information document at www.texaslrev.com for details.

3. *Haven't I seen other write-on competitions?*

Yes, many journals run their own individual write-on competitions for membership beginning in the spring or summer semesters. The Multi-Journal Spring Write-On Competition is for journal membership beginning in the fall semester.

4. *If I join a journal in one of the early write-on competitions, can I quit later to join another journal?*

Almost certainly. Journal membership is within your control, though you should check with your individual journal to see what it expects. Most journals will allow it. Dual journal membership is another option.

5. *What does the Multi-Journal Spring Write-On Competition involve?*

You will be provided with a packet of edited cases, statutes, law review articles, newspaper articles, and other sources. You will be asked to write an essay of up to eight double-spaced pages using these sources. You are not expected to use all the sources. Rather, the packet is designed so that applicants can write on a wide range of issues. You will not be permitted to conduct any outside research or to use any materials beyond those included in the write-on packet.

6. *That's it?*

Some journals have additional requirements, such as a personal statement or statement of interest. Please read the instructions in the write-on packet carefully. Any requirements for specific journals beyond the write-on essay will be included and clearly explained in the packet.

7. *How long does this competition take?*

Applicants are given approximately 14 days to complete and submit their essay. The completed application and essay must be uploaded to Canvas by **Saturday, May 28, 2016, at 11:59pm CT.**

8. *How do I get an application packet?*

To allow applicants to focus on finals, the application packet will not be made available until Saturday, May 14, 2016. Application packets will be available online at www.texaslrev.com/write-on/ and through Canvas.

9. *What if I will not have access to a computer?*

You have a couple of options. First, you can find an Internet-connected print shop (such as Kinko's) and download and print the packet there. Second, if you are on campus you may use the computers in the library and print using the library computers. Alternatively, and as a last resort, you can leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the TEXAS LAW REVIEW and we will use it to mail a copy of the packet to you on the morning of Saturday, May 14.

10. *Will the process be anonymous?*

Yes. Your essay will be marked only by an anonymous identification number.

11. *May I work with others?*

No.

12. *How much can I write? How much do I have to write?*

The maximum page limit is eight double-spaced pages, with twelve-point Times New Roman font and one-inch margins on all sides. There is no minimum page limit. Eight pages is not a target—many people write effective essays in fewer than eight pages.

13. *Is there anything I can do to prepare?*

There is not much else one can do other than being diligent in your studies and with your essay.

14. *Where is the TEXAS LAW REVIEW office located?*

The TEXAS LAW REVIEW office is located in room 4.135, above the Career Services Office.