

### WHAT IS THE JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW & POLICY?

The *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy* is a student-run organization devoted to the discussion and analysis of contemporary legal and public policy issues. The Journal provides a forum for both students and the legal community to engage in scholarly thought, analysis, and writing on a wide range of ideas affecting local, national, and international policy.

### WHY SHOULD I BE INTERESTED IN THE JOURNAL?

- Great writing and researching experience
- Opportunity to work in a collegial atmosphere with fellow law students
- Learn to source-check and blue-book
- Looks great on your resume

### HOW DO I BECOME AN ASSOCIATE?

- **Academic Rank:** The top 20% of the 1L class will be automatically extended an invitation as an Associate to the Journal.
- **Nomination:** Each legal writing instructor has the opportunity to nominate two students, numerically ranking their selections. The first nomination will receive automatic acceptance as an Associate to the Journal; the second nomination will be considered for (but not guaranteed) a position based upon availability. The nomination process is confidential, and students will not be notified whether they have been nominated. This means that if you would like to be sure to get on the Journal, you should try to write-on.
- **Write-On Process:**
  - 1) Trial-Level Brief:
    - Applicants must submit their trial-level or appellate brief (suggested length of 10-20 pages).
    - The brief should contain a header on each page containing the student's final exam number with no other identifying marks. (The selection process is anonymous).
    - The brief should also contain (added if necessary) a public policy argument. **Please highlight the public policy argument(s) by bolding their text.**
    - Students may consult with their Legal Research and Writing instructors; however, the writing and content of the brief must be entirely the product of the student.
    - The brief will be judged on a number of factors, including the creativity and strength of the argument, thoroughness of research and analysis, clarity and organization of arguments, and attention to proofreading and citations.
  - 2) Personal Statement:
    - All applicants to the Journal must submit a 1-2 page personal statement explaining why they are interested in the Journal and how their personal experiences will contribute to the diversity of the Journal's membership.
    - The personal statement should contain a header on each page containing the student's final exam number with no other identifying marks.
  - 3) Public Policy Problem
    - Applicants must write a 2-4 page policy argument based on one of four topics available on Friday, May 18, 2012. The topics will involve current events and an open topic.
    - The public policy problem should contain a header on each page containing the student's final exam number with no other identifying marks.
    - The topics will be available on the Journal website: <http://law.hamline.edu/jplp/index.html>.
- **Due Date: Friday, June 8, 2012**
  - Submit 8 copies each of the brief, personal statement and public policy problem in a large envelope to the Registrar's office by **5:00 p.m.** **Please also include a sealed envelope with contact information so that we may reach you if you are selected.**
  - Students who are not in the metro area for the summer may submit their application materials on the Journal's Write-On TWEN page.
  - E-mail submissions will not be accepted.

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AND WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Associates are expected to write an article in either the Fall or Spring semester.
- Attendance is mandatory at Orientation, Topic Selection, Bluebook training, Production meetings, and Symposium in the spring.
- If you have questions, please visit our website at <http://law.hamline.edu/jplp/index.html> or contact Eric Schmidtke, Editor-in-Chief, at [eschmidtke01@hamlineuniversity.edu](mailto:eschmidtke01@hamlineuniversity.edu), or Nicole Schave, incoming EIC, at [nschave01@hamlineuniversity.edu](mailto:nschave01@hamlineuniversity.edu).