



Guide to Submitting Articles to Law Reviews

The following guide provides information on a number of useful sources that can be consulted in deciding where and how to submit an article for publication in a law review. Although there is no one source that can answer all the questions that arise in this decision making process, hopefully a combination of these sources will at least prove helpful.

SUBMISSION SERVICES

ExpressO (<http://law.bepress.com/expresso/>). This electronic document delivery service developed by Berkely Electronic Press provides submission of articles to multiple journals and law reviews. Even journals that do not currently receive electronic submission may be contacted through this service (for an additional fee). Please note that The Catholic University currently maintains an institutional subscription to ExpressO, thereby allowing all faculty members to submit their articles using this service. A short guide to using ExpressO is available at <http://lib.law.cua.edu/share/SteveYoung/ExpressO%20Pages.ppt>.

DIRECTORIES OF LAW REVIEWS

ExpressO Law Review Submissions Guide (<http://law.bepress.com/expresso/2007/>). This is an annual survey of faculty who used the ExpressO submission service.

The Online Directory of Law Reviews and Scholarly Legal Periodicals

(<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/prodev/lawreview/default.asp>). This is arguably the most comprehensive and up to date directory of its kind. Also known as the Anderson Directory, this is compiled by Professor Michael Hoffheimer at the University of Mississippi. The various law reviews and periodicals are broken down into a variety of categories such as “General Student Edited Law Reviews” or “Non Student Edited Peer Review and Trade Journals.”

General Law Reviews – Submission Information

(<http://www.law.suffolk.edu/library/lawrev/submission.cfm>). This is a website maintained by the Library at Suffolk University Law School. For each of the general law reviews the site provides submission information, contact information, and, when available, links to submission policies.

Findlaw – List of Journals by Topic (<http://stu.findlaw.com/journals/>). Findlaw provides a handy breakdown of law reviews by subject area (including general). However the site only provides links to the law review websites and does not provide additional information such as submission policies.

Law Reviews Submission Guidelines - in Tabular Format

(<http://www.concurringopinions.com/archives/Fall%2006%20Submission%20Guide%201.0.doc>). A table providing submission information for the top 20 law reviews.

Law Reviews Accepting Electronic Submissions

(<http://chaselaw.nku.edu/faculty/ejournals.php>). This site, maintained by the Salmon P. Chase

Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

College of Law, provides contact information for all the journals and law reviews currently accepting electronic submissions. Users may e-mail a number of law reviews by checking on a box adjacent to each law review.

LAW REVIEW RANKINGS

The Emerging Importance of Law Review Rankings for Law School Rankings, 2003-2007. Alfred Brophy. University of Colorado Law Review, Winter 2007 v78 p35.

Relative Value of American Law Review: A Critical Appraisal of Ranking Methods. Ronen Perry. Virginia Journal of Law & Technology, Winter 2006 v11 p1.

An Empirical Study of Empirical Legal Scholarship: The Top Law Schools. Tracey E. George. Indiana Law Journal, Winter 2006 v81 p141

An empirical evaluation of specialized law reviews. Tracey E. George and Chris Guthrie. Florida State University Law Review, Summer 1999 v26 i4 p813-836.

Ranking specialized law reviews: a methodological critique. Gregory Scott Crespi. Florida State University Law Review, Summer 1999 v26 i4 p837-849.

Ranking journals: some thoughts on theory and methodology. Russell Korobkin. Florida State University Law Review, Summer 1999 v26 i4 p851-876.

Ranking the environmental law, natural resources law, and land use planning journals: a survey of expert opinion. Gregory Scott Crespi. William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, Fall 1998 v23 i1 p273-297.

Peer review practices of mass communication scholarly journals. Larry Z. Leslie. Evaluation Review, April 1990 v14 n2 p151-165.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Publishing in Law Reviews and Journals

(http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/united_states/basics/publishing_in_law_reviews.php). This short but informative guide is produced by the staff of the Harvard Law School Library. In addition to listing many of the same sources indicated above, the guide provides useful information on simultaneous submissions and special requirements.

Current Law Review Article Length Limits & Preferences

(<http://www.law.emory.edu/index.php?id=2586>). Produced by the staff of the MacMillan Law Library at Emory School of Law, this chart indicated article lengths and preferences for a number of the major law reviews.

Law Journals: Submissions & Rankings (<http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx>) . Produced by the library at the Washington & Lee Law School, this guide is an excellent source of information on law reviews and their submission process.

Writing For And Publishing In Law Reviews (<http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/lawrev.html>). Prepared by the staff at the University of Washington Law School, this is an online guide to the process of getting published in law reviews

Law Review Article Submission Resources (http://www.concurringopinions.com/archives/2008/02/law_review_arti_7.html). The blog Concurring Opinions provides a short but useful guide to article submissions. Included in this guide are links to various blog postings on the subject.

Navigating the Law Review Article Selection Process: An Empirical Study of Those With All The Power – Student Editors (http://www.law.emory.edu/fileadmin/library/Faculty_Services/Law_Review_student_editors.pdf). This law review article explores the selection process from an empirical view. Analysis of law reviews in all the tiers is provided.

Academic Legal Writing: Law Review Articles, Student Notes, and Seminar Papers, Eugene Volokh. New York, NY: Foundation Press (2nd ed. 2005). Available in the Law Library at RESERVE KF250 V65 2005.

Most Cited Law Review Articles, Fred Shapiro. Buffalo, NY: Hein Co. (1987). Available in the Law Library at REFERENCE KF211 M66 1987.