

CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW Information

CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW is one of the oldest and most prestigious groups on the Chicago-Kent campus—for good reason. Law review membership is common among the nation’s top advocates, judges, and legal scholars. As Chicago-Kent’s flagship legal journal, we regularly publish scholarly works by the brightest minds in the industry. The prestige of any law school relies in part on the orderly and robust operation of its law review. Traditionally, this is done by students.

Membership on the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW is an indication of extraordinary academic accomplishment. It is an assurance of strong legal reasoning, persuasive writing, and eagle-eyed proofreading. As a member of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW, you’ll receive rigorous, practical training in BLUEBOOK formatting not available in other classes. You’ll continue to strengthen your legal writing skills as you work through draft after draft of your student Note. You’ll receive access to an exclusive alumni network, several networking opportunities, numerous writing resources, and the rare chance at publication. In return, you’ll help maintain the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW’s reputation for excellent scholarship and strict citation accuracy.

Background

The CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW began in 1923 as the CHICAGO-KENT REVIEW, a spiritual successor to the earlier CHICAGO-KENT BULLETIN. During its near-century run, the journal has published over three thousand articles, which have collectively received over one million downloads since their hosting in 2013. In that time, the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW has received countless contributions from some of the nation’s foremost thinkers and influencers, including: Justice John Paul Stevens, Circuit Judges Richard A. Posner, Frank H. Easterbrook, Diane Wood, Ilana Diamond Rovner, Walter J. Cummings, Luther M. Swygert, Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, Professor William N. Eskridge, Jr., Governor Richard B. Ogilvie, and even author Michael Crichton—among others. In 1987, the journal moved to an all-symposium format, meaning that each issue presents articles devoted to a single topic. Currently, the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW publishes one volume of three issues per year.

Junior Associate Duties

The primary duties of all Junior Associates are twofold: (1) author a publication-worthy student Note through the Student Writing Program, and (2) proofread, edit, and cite-check all assigned articles. Junior Associates serve for a term of one academic year, after which they have the option of applying for an Executive Board or Senior Staff position.

Getting On Law Review

The following students will automatically be invited to join the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW based on their academic performance:

- Full-time day division students who have completed their first year and rank in the top 7% of the full-time day division class
- Evening division and part-time day division students who have completed their first year and rank in the top 7% of the combined evening division and part-time day division class
- Evening division and part-time day division students who have completed their second year and rank within the top 7% of the combined class of first-year day students and second-year evening and part-time day students

All students are invited to write on to the Law Review. **We highly encourage students to complete the write on regardless of their own predictions about their ability for success.** During the write on, students are given a “closed universe” of research to work from and asked to write an academic Note on the assigned topic. Students are expected to adhere to BLUEBOOK formatting for academic writing and will be provided with resources for learning the BLUEBOOK. The write on is conducted over a two week period. It is an intense assignment that will improve your writing skills and expose you to an area of the law you might not be familiar with. Academic writing is an opportunity to engage with the law and think critically about its implications. How often do you get to give your opinion in law school? Take the opportunity!

If you have any questions about the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW and the write on process, don't hesitate to contact the following Executive Board Members:

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