



THIS BRIEF GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU WITH THE PROCESS OF PUBLISHING YOUR ARTICLE OR PAPER IN A NON-UB PUBLICATION. DETAILS AND STRATEGIES FOR SUBMISSION ARE BELOW.

Selecting Journals for Submission

Law Journals Submissions and Rankings – Washington and Lee Law Library

<https://managementtools4.wlu.edu/LawJournals/>

This site lists law journals by subject and other factors, and allows users to rank journals by impact factor and other numerical methods. You can generate a ranked list by subject from 2003. This site includes U.S. law journals and law-related journals from around the world. The [Washington and Lee Law Journals](#) site also allows you to sort journals by subject.

Ulrich's International Periodical Directory

This is the most comprehensive directory for periodicals available and includes newspapers, bar journals, legal newsletters and law reviews. It usually provides a description of the content of the publication, contact information, some circulation figures, abstracting and indexing services, and links to the publications' websites. Available at no cost at <http://ulrichsweb.serialssolutions.com/> but some linking options may not be available.

Other Factors to Consider

More prominent journals have larger circulation and wider online access, so it is important to determine if the journal is indexed in LegalTrac and/or the Index to Legal Periodicals and Books. Check to see if the journal is available on Lexis Advance, Westlaw, HeinOnline or BloombergBNA. Another common strategy is to submit to the publications of the leading schools in the U.S. News ranked list of law schools or the ratings to 2014 by Brian Leiter at <http://www.leiterrankings.com/new/index.shtml>. There is also a 2017 article the Alabama Law Review entitled [*A Revealed-Preferences Ranking of Law Schools*](#) that uses LSAT and UGPA to measure law schools.

Consider submitting to specialty journals or practice oriented publications (including bar journals and continuing education materials) if that fits the profile of your article. Also consider your intended audience when you choose where to submit. Factors including topic, length and currency may guide you in where to submit.

Directories and Law Journal Policies

[Findlaw's Academic Law Journals and Law Reviews](#)

This site links to the websites for U.S. Academic Law Journals.

[Information for Submitting to Law Reviews and Journals](#) (January 20, 2019)

This very valuable article by Allen Rostron and Nancy Levit is updated twice a year. It provides information on article submission and includes special formatting requirements, special contact information relating to ranking the journals, expedited review, and requests to withdraw from consideration. It includes over 203 journals, including one that accepts submissions via Twitter (Case Western).

[Submission Guide for Online Law Review Supplements, Version 7.0](#) (7/22/2013) This guide by Colin Miller provides information on how to submit articles to 49 online general law reviews. Raizel Liebler, [Information for Submitting to the Top Specialty Law Journals](#) (May 13, 2019) may also be of use.

Strategic Submission: When and What to Submit

Timing

Many student edited journals are open for submissions from August through October and again from February to April. Student editors generally don't review submissions over the summer but start their review around the beginning of the fall semester. The spring dates may reflect the turnover of the editorial boards or the need of the outgoing boards to fill the remaining issues of their tenure. Some experts say the spring "season" is the best time to submit your publication.

Supplementary Materials

Be sure to provide a cover letter that provides a short summary of the article. It is important that you let the editors know why they should publish YOUR paper. Pertinent information might include the timeliness of the topic, any special qualifications/authority you may have in writing the article, and that the article falls within the purview of that journal. Most journals also require a resume or CV with your submission, but even if they don't require one, it is a good idea to include one.

The Paper

The article should be in final form, with complete footnotes, accurate citations and an abstract. Follow the guidelines as to page length and form that each journal provides.

Expedited Review

If you receive an early offer of publication but still want to wait to hear from other journals, you can *usually* negotiate additional time with the first offering journal before you have to accept. You may then ask for an expedited review from your preferred journal. Make it easy for the editor/expediter by attaching an electronic copy of the paper with your request for expedited review.

Submitting Your Article

Submission services ease the administrative burden of submitting multiple copies of an article to multiple law reviews. Through these services, authors upload manuscripts to a website and select the law reviews to which they would like their manuscripts submitted. UB subscribes to two article submission services, ExpressO and Scholastica, on behalf of UB faculty. **You will not be charged for your submissions as long as you use your ubalt.edu email address.**

If you have any questions about setting up your account or submitting articles, please contact [Harvey Morrell](#), Interim Law Library Director or 410-837-4657, [Bijal Shah](#), Electronic Resources Librarian or 410-837-4586 or your library faculty liaison.



Website: <http://law.bepress.com/expresso/>

Approximately 750 law journals accept submissions via ExpressO.

The Law School has paid for unlimited electronic submissions for full time faculty so please use it when you have a paper you want to distribute to Law Reviews. ExpressO has a guide to their services at http://law.bepress.com/assets/images/expresso/ExpressO_Submission_Guide_2015-16.pdf

To submit a manuscript follow these steps:

1. Sign-up at <http://law.bepress.com/expresso/> If you do not have an existing account, create one using your University of Baltimore email address (ubalt.edu).
2. Select manuscript file format (Word or WordPerfect).
3. Create and verify the list of law reviews to which you would like to deliver your article.
4. Upload your article, cover letter, and CV and click finish.
5. You may also ask for expedited review through ExpressO

ExpressO also provides a [list of law reviews](#) that are temporarily full and not accepting submissions.



Full time faculty may also submit to journals via Scholastica. Scholastica requires you to register with them on receipt of their email inviting you to do so. Without that registration, you will not be able to use Scholastica. **Please continue to use Espresso for the journals/ law reviews that still accept them as Scholastica is more than twice as costly per journal submission than ExpressO.**

Additional Resources

Steven W. Bender, [*The Value of Online Law Review Supplements for Junior and Senior Faculty*](#), 33 *Touro L. Rev.* 387 (2017).

Leah M. Christensen & Julie Oseid, [*Navigating the Law Review Article Selection Process: An Empirical Study of Those with All the Power—Student Editors*](#), 59 *UNIV. OF ST. THOMAS L. REV.* 465 (2008).

Jessica Clark & Kristen Murray, *SCHOLARLY WRITING: IDEAS, EXAMPLES, AND EXECUTION*, 2nd ed. (2012) Reserve: KF250 .C528 2012

Barry Friedman, [*Fixing Law Reviews*](#), 67 *Duke L.J.* 1297 (2018).

Legal Scholarship Blog at <http://legalscholarshipblog.com/> for information about calls for papers, conferences and general legal scholarship.

Jason P. Nance & Dylan J. Steinberg, [*The Law Review Article Selection Process: Results from a National Study*](#), 71 *Albany L. Rev.* 565 (2008).

Ronen Perry, [*The Relative Value of American Law Reviews: A Critical Appraisal of Ranking Methods*](#), 11 *Va. J. L. & Tech.* 1 (2006).

Cass Sunstein, [*In Praise of Law Books and Law Reviews \(and Jargon-Filled Academic Writing\)*](#), 114 *Mich. L. Rev.* 833 (2016).

Eugene Volokh, *ACADEMIC LEGAL WRITING: LAW REVIEW ARTICLES, STUDENT NOTES, SEMINAR PAPERS AND GETTING ON LAW REVIEW*, 4th ed. Reserve: KF250 .V6 2016

Eugene Volokh, [Writing an Abstract for a Law Review Article](#), Volokh Conspiracy, Feb. 8, 2010.

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Don't forget to submit your article for uploading on SSRN when your paper is accepted for publication! Contact [Harvey Morrell](#) for assistance.

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