

## LAW REVIEW

The Law Review is a student-run legal periodical that publishes articles prepared by judges, practicing attorneys, law professors, and law students. Law Review requires a two year commitment to the program by its members, and is comprised of thirty (30) third-year students and thirty (30) second-year students. The second-year members are selected based either on academic rank in class after the first year or by “writing on” (applying by written submission on a “closed universe” problem that demonstrates to the Editorial Board the level of legal thinking, research, and writing skills necessary for membership).

Law Review members receive six (6) hours ungraded academic credit: three (3) credits for second-year students; three (3) credits for third year-students. A faculty advisor to the Law Review will render advice and certify academic credit to the Registrar. Students must apply the Law Review credits in the academic year in which they are earned. Students may distribute the credit(s) as they choose to the Fall or Spring semester of the academic year in which the credit(s) are earned. If a student registers for all three credits in one semester (Fall or Spring), one of the three credits will nonetheless be attributed to the other semester in that academic year for purposes of determining whether the student is maintaining his or her enrollment status.

All Law Review members are required to participate in the publication of four (4) issues during the academic year by serving on editorial committees. Second-year students are also required to write a case Note or legal Comment of publishable quality. Third-year students must mentor a second-year student, helping them produce an article of publishable quality. Third-year students also have the opportunity to serve as a leader on the Editorial Board. No person may serve as either Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor of the Law Review who is performing a full-time (or substantially full-time) judicial or other externship.

## THE SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Seattle Journal for Social Justice (SJSJ) is a peer-reviewed, student-edited journal that was founded in 2001 to promote critical interdisciplinary discussions on urgent problems of social justice, including exploring the often-conflicting meanings of justice that arise in a diverse society.

The SJSJ, which publishes two issues annually, requires a two-year commitment by its members. Members are initially selected at the end of their first year according to an application and interview procedure. Factors considered for selection include editing skills, organizational skills, and an understanding of and commitment to issues of social justice. After one year of service, members may apply to serve on the Board of Editors of the SJSJ for the second year of their service.

All members of the SJSJ must be law students who are in good standing under the Law School’s academic regulations. No person may serve on the SJSJ who is also a present member of the Seattle University Law Review. No person may serve as either Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor of the SJSJ who is performing a full-time (or substantially full-time) judicial or other externship.

Second-year students who are members of SJSJ are required to write a publishable quality student note or comment and satisfactorily fulfill editorial duties for the publication of the SJSJ issues. Second-year students ordinarily receive one academic credit for the year upon satisfactory completion of editorial duties, and two academic credits for the completion of the publishable quality student note or comment, in which case, the student could elect to receive a total of three academic credits for that year. A third- or fourth-year student on SJSJ would ordinarily receive one academic credit for the year, unless the student is a member of the editorial board, in which case the student could elect to receive a total of two academic credits for that year. The maximum number of credits an SJSJ member could elect to receive over the course of two years is five credits. Election of academic credit (pass/fail) is voluntary, but the credits must be applied in the academic year in which they are earned. Additionally, all students are allowed to allocate their credit(s) over the Fall and Spring semesters as they see fit. All academic credits are subject to faculty advisor review.

Further information is available from the SJSJ’s faculty advisor, who coordinates the work of the student editors with that of the SJSJ’s Advisory Board.

### MOOT COURT

The Law School's Moot Court program encourages excellence in written and oral advocacy skills through student participation in mock trial and appellate advocacy competitions. The Moot Court Board organizes three mock trial competitions and six appellate competitions within the school and prepares winners of those in-house competitions to compete in regional and national competitions. Membership on the Board is determined by current Board members and is based on a written application and personal interviews.

Participants in moot court competitions who submit a brief and make an oral presentation in at least the regional level of a nationally-recognized moot court competition may request two (2) hours of ungraded academic credit. These credits are awarded if the Moot Court Board's faculty advisor certifies that the student met his or her obligations in writing a high-quality brief, has met his or her obligations in preparing and delivering a high-quality oral argument, and has met his or her obligations as a team member. Participants, who compete in at least the regional level of a nationally recognized moot court competition that requires either a written or an oral presentation, but not both, may request one (1) hour of ungraded academic credit if the faculty advisor for the competition certifies that the student performed at a high level. No student may receive more than two credits for moot court. In addition, students may not receive academic credit for participating in more than one moot court competition.

Ordinarily, students must register for their moot court credits in the semester in which the credit is sought. If a student should become entitled to receive moot court credit at a later date in a semester, the student may register belatedly for and receive that credit in the semester in which it is earned or the student may elect to register for and receive that credit in the next fall or spring semester. If the student does not receive the credit at that date, the student shall have no further entitlement to receive the credit and may not apply for it.

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD

The Dispute Resolution Board is the student group responsible for administering the ABA Law Student Division competitions in Client Counseling, Negotiation, and Mediation Advocacy. The Board also administers the summer clerkship in DR Competition, a \$5000 grant for a summer clerkship in the office of a DR services provider. The purpose of the Dispute Resolution Board is to encourage and to facilitate the development of Client Counseling, Mediation, and Negotiation skills. The Board organizes in-house competitions in the fall and spring of each academic year. Competitions provide

students with an opportunity to learn about counseling under the supervision of a faculty adviser, and to receive feedback on their performance skills from lawyers who evaluate them. In addition students learn effective ways to resolve client disputes through negotiation and mediation. Membership on the Board is determined by current Board members and is based on written statements of interest, resumes, and interviews of candidates.

Participants who compete in at least the regional level of a nationally recognized dispute resolution competition may receive one (1) hour of ungraded academic credit upon certification by the faculty advisor to the specific competition that the participant has satisfactorily performed the duties of team membership. (For additional information see [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com) > TWEN > "Dispute Resolution Board") No student may receive more than one credit for dispute resolution competition, nor may any student receive academic credits for both dispute resolution and moot court competitions.

### Moot Court and DR Student Competition Processes

#### Pre-Competition Substantive Preparation

All in-house trial and DR competitions require a mandatory 3-hour training.

All participants in the in-house appellate competitions must take LW II as a pre- or co- requisite.

All regional competitions shall require as a pre- or co-requisite that competitors enroll in an appropriate course provided in the curriculum, if feasible. DR Regional Competitors must register for the Regional Competition Seminar (no credit).

#### 1L Participation in In-House Competitions

1L's are not allowed to participate in regional or national competitions, or in in-house appellate competitions.

1L's are permitted to participate in only one in-house competition, which can be either the fall or spring semester.

1L's will be allowed to participate in the following kinds of competitions:

- Dispute Resolution: Client Counseling (Fall)
- Dispute Resolution: Negotiation (Fall)
- Dispute Resolution: Mediation (Spring)
- Trial: In-House 1L Administrative Law

## V. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### Administration of student competitions

The Dispute Resolution Board and the Moot Court Board shall administer all competitions

Students may not participate in regional/national competitions in the same semester as the in-house qualifying competition.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **Student Bar Association**

The Student Bar Association (SBA) functions as the student government at the Law School. All students are members of the SBA and are entitled to enjoy the benefits of its membership.

The SBA's primary role is to represent the students and convey their ideas and their concerns to the Administration and the Faculty. SBA Representatives, such as the Academic Standards Representative and the Library and House Representative, are responsible for various aspects of student life. The SBA's website, which includes contact information for each SBA Officer and Representative, is now available online via the Student Portal at: [students.law.seattleu.edu/sba](http://students.law.seattleu.edu/sba).

In addition to its representative capacity, the SBA is the parent organization of the Law School's recognized student organizations. The SBA provides funding and logistical support to each organization. A full listing of recognized SBA student organizations is available online via the Student Portal at: [students.law.seattleu.edu/studentorganizations](http://students.law.seattleu.edu/studentorganizations). If you wish to contact an SBA student organization, you can use the online "SBA 411" tool that is available at: [www.law.seattleu.edu/forms/sba/411](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/forms/sba/411).

Finally, the SBA is responsible for a variety of programs and events that take place throughout the year. For example, the Halloween Party, the Barristers Ball formal, the Northwest Harvest Food Drive, and the SBA Blood Drive are just a few of the events coordinated by the SBA. Additionally, the SBA funds the *Prolific Reporter*, a weekly student newspaper. The PR is available online via the Student Portal at: [students.law.seattleu.edu/pr](http://students.law.seattleu.edu/pr).

The SBA's budget consists of dues paid to the Student Activities Fund. All full-time students at the Law School are charged \$29.00 per semester (fall and spring) toward the Students Activities Fund and part-time students are charged \$19.00 per semester (fall and spring).

## Recognized Student Organizations

21<sup>st</sup> Century Lawyers  
American Bar Association/Law Student Division  
American Civil Liberties Union - Student Division  
American Constitution Society  
American Trial Lawyers Association-Student Division  
Asian/Pacific-Islander Law Student Association  
Black Law Student Association  
Canadian Law Society  
Christian Legal Society  
College Republicans  
Entertainment & Sports Law  
Environmental Law Society  
Families United Network  
Federalist Society  
Human Rights Network  
Intellectual Property Law Society  
International Law Society  
J. Reuben Clark Law Society  
Jewish Legal Society  
Korean American Law Student Association  
Labor & Employment Law Association  
Latina/o Law Students Association  
Law & Technology Society  
Law Students for Reproductive Health & Education  
Men's Law Caucus  
National Lawyers Guild  
Native American Law Students Association  
OutLaws  
Phi Alpha Delta  
Prolific Reporter  
Public Interest Law Foundation  
Russian-American Legal Society  
St. Thomas More Catholic Law Society  
South Asian Law Student Association  
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund  
Students for Reproductive Health Educaiton  
Women's Law Caucus  
Young Democrats

## Support of Student Organizations

The principal source of funding for student organizations is the Student Bar Association. The Law School does not budget additional monies for student organizational activities, and student organizations should not expect additional funding from the Law School for their activities except for the purposes described below.

## V. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Dean has authorized the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to provide funding for the following student activities:

- One hundred dollars in matching funds per student organization for a reception for speaker or speakers invited by the student organization to appear at an event open to the law school community. A student organization may request one such grant per year. The Law School will not fund honoraria for, or the travel, lodging, and other related expenses of, speakers brought to campus by student organizations
- Funds for approved student participation at the regional or national conference of parent organizations of student groups that are recognized by the SBA. One-half the cost of registration fees, travel, meals, and other reasonable expenses, not to exceed a total of \$750.00 per event will be covered. Only one event per organization in each academic year will be funded. The balance of the costs should be obtained from other sources.
- Travel funds for student teams participating in competitions authorized by the Moot Court or DR boards that advance from regional rounds to national finals.
- No other funds for student organizations are available from the Law School.

**No student may sign a contract on behalf of the School of Law or a student organization. All contracts must be reviewed and signed by the Associate Dean for Administration and Finance.**