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Law Review Submissions Update: What's New in 2014?

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Resources

These resources include information to guide you through this year's submissions process.

- Law Review Submissions Guide (links to resources, information about using ExpressO and Scholastica): <http://guides.kentlaw.iit.edu/lawreviewsubmissions>
- Chicago-Kent's 2014 Law Review Submissions Spreadsheet (covers top 50, includes Board turn over and accepting dates): <http://bit.ly/CKLWSubDoc>
- Information for Submitting Articles: (covers all general law reviews, does not include dates): <http://bit.ly/UMKCLRSub>

Exclusive to Scholastica

These journals will accept only from Scholastica, not ExpressO, or have a strong preference for Scholastica:

- Arizona State Law Journal
- Boston College Law Review (or email)
- California Law Review (or email)
- Cardozo Law Review (or email)
- Columbia Law Review
- Duke Law Journal
- Harvard Journal of Law and Technology
- Iowa Law Review (or hard copies, Scholastica preferred)
- Lewis & Clark Law Review (New board hasn't decided yet)
- Michigan Law Review (or email; Scholastica strongly preferred)
- Minnesota Law Review
- New York University Law Review (or hard copies)
- Notre Dame Law Review (strongly preferred; ExpressO and email possible)
- Pepperdine Law Review
- Southern California Law Review (or email)

- The University of Chicago Law Review (or email)
- UC Davis Law Review (or email)
- University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform
- Virginia Law Review
- Wisconsin Law Review

Innovative Law Reviews

Case Western Law Review is one of the more innovative general law reviews. Recent projects include:

- Formatting articles to read easily in print and online
- Launching a podcast discussing the scholarship of authors published in the law review
- Twitter symposia
- Enabling article submissions by Twitter
- Lego Contest: <http://bit.ly/CWLRLEgo>

Derek Muller, Why aren't more journals like the Case Western Reserve Law Review?, Blog Post <http://bit.ly/CWLRBlogPost>

Law Reviews and Social Media

Many law reviews now use active Twitter accounts to engage potential authors and to inform followers of new publications.

Census of Law Review Twitter Feeds (Jan. 2013) <http://bit.ly/LRTwitterCensus>

Steve Klepper, How Twitter Can Save Law Reviews, Blog Post <http://bit.ly/LRTwitterPost>
Identifies social media best practices for law reviews including:

- Regular (but not overwhelming) posts
- Tweets to article links (not issue links)
- Be entertaining

Publication Agreement Information

PrawfsBlog collected dozens of publication agreements from dozens of law reviews. These can be useful for comparing copyright or publication agreement information. Note that the dates of these agreements vary widely.

- PrawfsBlog post about the collection: <http://bit.ly/LWPubAgrBlog>
- Spreadsheet with links: <http://bit.ly/LRPubAgrDoc>

Angst Threads

The PrawfsBlog sets up a comment thread dedicated to “law review submissions angst” every submission season. The comments include a lot of information such as new faculty asking questions, editors discussing their own law reviews, and faculty sharing their experiences.

- Fall 2013 thread: <http://bit.ly/Angst13>
- Spring 2014 thread: <http://bit.ly/Angst14>

Submissions Humor

The Law Review Games (Hunger Games meets the submissions process):
<http://bit.ly/LRGames>