



## TEXAS UNDERGRADUATE LAW REVIEW

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### AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The purpose of the Texas Undergraduate Law Review (TULR) is to encourage undergraduate students with a passion for contemporary legal issues to pursue their interests through scholarly and academic research. We give those students the opportunity to engage in legal research and writing by having their works published in a nationally reviewed academic journal.

When the founders of the Texas Undergraduate Law Review arrived at the University of Texas at Austin, they were amazed by the opportunities available for undergraduate students. Among these opportunities for research and exploration, however, they noticed there was no avenue through which students considering law could seriously engage their interests. So, the Texas Undergraduate Law Review was born.

#### **Position Description**

Writers and editors will contribute on a regular basis to the Texas Undergraduate Law Review. Both will be responsible for contributing to each semester's journal by collaborating with other members of the organization. A candidate's ideal qualities for both positions are:

- Punctuality
- Responsibility
- Insightfulness
- Competence in writing, researching, and editing

Editors and writers are responsible for maintaining contact with one another, adhering to deadlines and completing any other tasks as they arise. Though not mandatory for writers, meetings will be held Monday evenings to discuss upcoming deadlines, events, initiatives and publications of TULR.

Please submit the application via email to [texasulr@gmail.com](mailto:texasulr@gmail.com) and state which position you are applying for in the subject line. Feel free to also direct any questions about the positions, application or interview process to [texasulr@gmail.com](mailto:texasulr@gmail.com) as well.

# Writer and Editor Application

Applications and a resume must be sent to [texasulr@gmail.com](mailto:texasulr@gmail.com) by **11:59 p.m. CST on Friday, January 31**. If you qualify, the Editorial Board will contact you to schedule an **interview during the week of February 3**. You must attend the interview to remain eligible for acceptance. The Executive Committee will inform applicants of its **final decisions by Monday, February 10**.

## 1. Biographical Information

Name:

Email:

Phone:

College:

Major:

Classification & Year:

Hours Completed:

2. Please provide a personal reference. It can be a university administrator, faculty member, staff member, former high school teacher, student leader or previous supervisor. None may be affiliated with the Texas Undergraduate Law Review.

Name:

Position/Company or Organization:

Phone Number:

Email:

3. Please answer the questions on the following pages on no more than a total of three pages (double-spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12). Attach the responses as a .PDF document in the application email.

## **WRITERS & EDITORS**

1. Please choose one of the following prompts and write a 1-2 page response on the issue:
  - i. Choose one recent Supreme Court decision (within the past 5 years) to analyze. Using a legal analysis, discuss whether you think the case was decided correctly.
  - ii. Choose a contemporary legal issue to analyze. Discuss the issue and propose a legal solution to the problem.

(This will not count toward the three page requirement.)

2. Attach a scholarly paper you have written that includes MLA- or Chicago-style citations. (This will not count toward the three page total.)

3. What other time commitments do you have over the course of the semester (i.e. organization involvement, academic workload, employment, etc...)?

### **WRITERS**

1. Why do you wish to become a Writer for the Texas Undergraduate Law Review?
2. What, if any, writing experience have you had?
3. Write about a contemporary legal issue which you find intriguing.

### **EDITORS**

1. Why do you wish to become an Editor for the Texas Undergraduate Law Review?
2. What, if any, editing experience have you had?
3. *Please correct the story below for grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation and anything else an editor should spot while adhering to Chicago Style. If you need to rewrite a sentence to correct a problem, please do so. Please tighten wording where you can.*

The ball was thrown to the batter by a devious pitcher, whom was known as a master of the puzzler ball. That special toss was reserved for special occasions when the Austin Bats team knew they were in a fight to the death situation.

Far up in the stands, Jimmy Boskins knows that the game is in trouble for the home team. He paced up and down the steps, breathing harder with every step he takes. As the coach and the

pitcher was talking strategy at the plate, Jimmy feels his chest explode and crumpled to the ground. Paramedics were called by Jimmy's ten year old son and the crowd of many people who wanted to watch baseball became quiet.

Once the paramedics pushed his way through the stands, Jimmy began to think that the defense of Stallone, Richards and McCarthy were unbeatable. Either Richards or Stallone are going to stop these fools, he reasons. That resurging thought calmed Jimmy's aorta, his chest rippled as the ol heart beat again and the crowd cheers.

None of the fans were traumatized badly enough to get up and exit out of the stadium. This was an historic game and the coaching staff wanted their players to have a crowd, that cheered them on.

The team had traveled further than any other to battle it's life-long nemesis. The mumps were the first childhood disease the players had contracted and, because of them, they lost a season. Now the puzzler ball was there only hope.

Only 2 strikes remained before a champion was proclaimed by the scoreboard, the pitcher tosses that puzzler into the strike zone. Of all of the fans in the stadium (and those buying hotdogs in the concession stand, too), none were ready for the climax of this game.

There goes the best team and the best coach in baseball, fans thought to themselves as the game ended. On the sidelines, the three paramedics grinned. Trust had grown between them as they shared the most rewarding EMS call they'd ever made. A life was saved, a game was won.