



AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

FEATURED GUEST

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Q: What was your background before law school?

A: Before coming to WCL, I was a legal assistant in the Capital Markets group at White & Case LLP in the New York office. This summer, I was a summer associate at White & Case LLP, and I will be returning as a first-year associate in October 2019.

Q: What was your favorite article published when you were a junior staffer last year, and why?

A: My favorite article published while a junior staffer was Thomas Lee, *Natural Born Citizen*, 67 Am. U. L. Rev. 327 (2017). This piece analyzed what it means to be for an individual to be a “natural born Citizen” per the U.S. Constitution, and thus, eligible to be President of the United States. This Article was both timely in that presidential candidates such as Barack Obama and Ted Cruz have faced allegations that that they are not “natural born Citizens” and interesting in that the Professor Lee examined how the English monarch and the U.S. Constitution’s framers interpreted that clause to mean by considering old English statutes and letters sent to/from the framers. Finally, on a more personal level, this was the first piece that I spaded, so it really exposed me to the Law Review’s production process and my role as a junior staffer.

Q: How does staff size compare this year to prior years?

A: For Volume 68, we have 108 students; twenty-seven Editorial Board members, twenty-eight senior staffers, and fifty-three junior staffers. This is an increase from Volume 67 which had 99

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION!

This newsletter was developed as a part of ongoing efforts by the AAAULR Board to enhance communication to members (without overwhelming inboxes), better leverage connections between AULR alumni, and start the process of building out a truly robust alumni network. Our goal is for this newsletter to be published on a monthly basis with information about upcoming and recent events, updates on the current AULR staff and publication, and a recurring *Featured Guest* column (in which alumni or current AULR staffers are interviewed to provide interesting perspective about life after law school, building a career, or even the publication itself). To that end, we will seek to send out any member-wide communications in this forum, rather than in separate communications, whenever practical.

We encourage members to forward these newsletters to any AULR alumni who they think may not already receive our emails. Anybody who wishes to be added to or removed from the newsletter mailing list can contact us at aaaulr@gmail.com. In the near future, we also plan to begin posting a public version of each issue on AULR’s Alumni webpage at <http://www.aulawreview.org/alumni/>. The public versions may remove some content that was included in the copy sent directly to AAAULR members.

Finally, we also highly encourage members to reach out to us by email if they have any content they would like included in the newsletter, such as requests, job postings, networking events, etc.

We hope you enjoy!

Cynthia Anderson & Jenn Howard
AAAULR Co-Presidents

PAYING IT FORWARD

AAAULR’s efforts this summer have largely focused on supporting current AULR staffers and providing career advice. In May, we began sending out signup forms for the AAAULR mentorship program. Over the past month, some of you began receiving emails pairing you with your staffer mentees. Because of a fantastic mentor turnout, not everybody has yet been paired. However, the grade on students have been selected, and staff for the coming year is now finalized. Final rounds of matching should occur soon!

The annual “AULR Guide to Fall Recruitment Panel” took place on Saturday, July 14th, to great feedback from the students.

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Q: What was the goal in making the staff larger?

A: We've decided to increase the staff to better accommodate our production needs, especially for the Forum. We have increased our online presence and have an aggressive production process—for 68.1 we have three articles, three comments, one essay and one response—so we need the manpower!

Q: Could you describe the changes made to the Editorial Board and what the functions are?

A: The Senior Forum Editor was created this year to solicit responses, serve as an editor for the Forum pieces and to serve as a liaison between the Forum authors and the Law Review. The Senior Forum Editor also manages the Law Review's website. The website responsibilities had previously been shared between the Associate Managing Editor and the Associate Articles Editor.

Finally, the Associate Symposium Editor's title has been changed to Senior Projects Editor because the position encompasses a wide-range of duties outside of the symposia. The responsibilities of the Senior Projects Editor are just as they were for the Associate Symposium Editor, which includes assisting the Senior Symposium Editor and Senior Federal Circuit Symposium Editor with their respective symposium and working on tasks related to external relations and the "business" side of the Law Review.

Q: Are there any kinds of articles that you and the articles team are particularly looking to publish this year?

A: We are looking for pieces that are engaging, timely, well-written, and written by authors who are experts in their fields.

While AULR staff has always been well represented in the Fall Recruiting hires, a growing number of staffers has shown an interest in public interest in recent years. At an event this past Spring, one new editorial board member expressed interest on behalf of the other staffers in a public interest career panel. Since then, a panel has been planned for Saturday, September 15th. It will be structured similar to the Fall Recruitment panel, and will focus on advising students on paths into attorney positions with the government and other public interest organizations.

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CONT'D: We are also looking for articles across a variety of subject matters. In Volume 68.1 alone, we have pieces about cryptocurrency, copyright infringement, "tag jurisdiction," Indian law, and drug design litigation. We are also paying close attention to articles that lend themselves well to a response, so that we can possibly feature the response on the Forum.

For those of you who are not familiar, the Forum is the Law Review's online component. The Forum publishes responses to pieces that have been previously featured in our print issues. These responses, available on the Law Review's website and on commercial database, are shorter than traditional articles and continue the conversation on interesting topics. These responses create a more in-depth conversation over a specific topic, which will hopefully encourage readers to cite to the Law Review.

Q: Are there challenges faced by the staff right now that you think alumni guidance might be helpful in resolving?

A: With our ever increasing staff, our financial resources are more thinly spread across a wide variety of areas—whether that be supplies for the office, our budgets for the symposia, printing expenses or technology expenses. Any financial support from our alumni would be very much appreciated.

We would also love to see an alumni presence at our events. Our entire staff works extremely hard to put on the symposia, and there are opportunities for our alumni to be moderators, panelists, or spectators.

Additionally, with the increasing competitiveness of jobs, having a solid alumni mentorship program is something that our staff takes seriously. Having alumni serve as mentors to our staff is extremely beneficial as we all gear up to take the bar, write our comments, or prepare for interviews.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to share with AAAULR members?

A: I am excited to work with AAAULR this year and further deepen the relationship between the Law Review's current staff and our alumni.