



## **FLORIDA COASTAL LAW REVIEW: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **WHAT IS *LAW REVIEW*?**

The *Florida Coastal Law Review* is a nationally recognized legal journal edited by second- and third-year students. The Florida Coastal Law Review publishes the journal three times a year. Students edit and publish legal articles submitted by legal scholars, faculty, and practitioners. Students also write articles and casenotes for publication in the journal.

### **WHY JOIN *LAW REVIEW*?**

There are many reasons why students want to join *Law Review*! Employers want to hire members of *Law Review* because they possess a unique skill set that includes attention to detail, Bluebooking and research abilities, and advanced legal writing skills. For many employers, *Law Review* is strongly preferred, or even a prerequisite. Members of *Law Review* have the opportunity to produce legal writing for publication in a national journal, searchable through Lexis and Westlaw. *Law Review* also offers its members the opportunity to gain leadership experience through Editorial Board positions because *Law Review* is a student-run organization. Students may also earn skills credits for *Law Review* participation that count toward graduation requirements.

### **HOW TO JOIN *LAW REVIEW*?**

We encourage students with 25-39 credit hours completed to work toward an invitation to *Law Review*. There are two ways to be invited: (1) “grading-on,” and (2) “writing-on.” Grade-on and write-on students must anonymously submit a casenote—a short note analyzing and commenting on a recent opinion. **Grade-On:** Students within the top 5% of their class or top 25 numerically ranked students (top five for spring admits), whichever is fewer, will receive a grade-on invitation. **Write-On:** Students that write a casenote of publishable quality may write-on to *Law Review*. In order to write-on, students must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA. There is no maximum number of Write-On student invitations; Law Review invites as many Write-On students to join the organization as submit casenotes of publishable quality.

### **WHO IS ON *LAW REVIEW*?**

There are different titles for members of *Law Review*. Students who accept an invitation to join *Law Review* (after either “grading-on” or “writing-on”) are called “Candidates.” During the first semester, Candidates are involved with *Law Review* on a probationary basis—they will take part in orientation, training, and development classes and seminars. Following satisfactory completion of the Candidate semester, students become “Staff Editors.” *Law Review* is operated and managed by the “Editorial Board.” The Editorial Board consists of Staff Editors who were later appointed through an interview process.

### **WHAT DO *LAW REVIEW* MEMBERS ACTUALLY DO?**

*Law Review* contracts with judges, legal scholars, professors, and lawyers to publish their legal scholarship. Candidates, Staff Editors, and the Editorial Board edit these works to prepare them for print publication. Editing requires citation checking, research, Bluebooking, and manuscript review. The Editorial Board is responsible for the final print publication of the journal each period, as well as conducting the administrative aspects of *Law Review*. Additionally, all Candidates will be required to write a casenote of Publishable Quality. Each Staff Editor is required to write a “staff article” of Publishable Quality. *Law Review* strives to publish at least one Florida Coastal Law Review student author (casenotes and staff articles) in each journal.