Currently in its 31st year of publication, *ILR* publishes articles written by prominent legal scholars, including professors, attorneys and jurists. Articles critically analyze decisive issues in international and comparative law and are an informative source for leading legal experts.

*ILR* also publishes quality student written articles, generally referred to as “notes” or “comments.” *ILR* publishes two open issues per year and one symposium issue.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Each year *ILR* selects 30-35 highly skilled staff members based on the quality of their write-on competition submissions. *ILR* membership is open to day students entering their second or third year and evening students entering their third or fourth year.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

*ILR* offers Loyola students an opportunity to critically analyze current international issues from a legal perspective. As an *ILR* staff member, you can expect to sharpen your critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

Other benefits of being an *ILR* member include resume value, employment and professional contacts, and camaraderie among students. Additionally, *ILR* members are in contact with prominent members of the international legal community. *ILR* staff members receive two units per semester and satisfy the Loyola writing requirement upon submitting an acceptable note or comment.

**MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

All *ILR* members are staff members for their first year on the law review. Staff members are a critical part of the publication process. *ILR* staff members are responsible for 4 tasks: (1) working three hours of scheduled office hours per week; (2) completing cite-checking assignments; (3) working on scheduled production days; and (4) writing a note or comment on an international or comparative law topic.

**Office Hours**

Each staff member must schedule three office hours per week. During this time, staffers are responsible for completing assignments in the office hours box and any assignments that an editor on duty may assign. Such assignments may include, *inter alia*, making substantive and textual edits, inputting edits, and source collection.

**International Law Course**

*ILR* staff members are required to take one international law course in either their first or second semester of the second year. The list of required courses will be determined prior to Fall registration.
Out of Office Assignments
Each staff member is also responsible for completing out of office assignments, including but not limited to research and editing articles for substance and correct form. Deadlines for all assignments are strictly enforced.

Note or Comment
Each staff member is also responsible for writing a note or comment. The topic must be of timely international legal significance. Each staff member selects the subject of his or her note or comment at the beginning of the fall semester, with help and input from ILR editors. Successive drafts of the note or comment are due on announced deadlines. The staff member’s final note or comment must be of publishable quality and will satisfy the Loyola Upper Division Writing Requirement. Note & Comment Editors guide staffers through the writing process.

Production Days
Staff members are also responsible for working on several production days. These are usually held before publication on a weekend day. On production days, teams comprised of editors and staffers meet to review articles for accuracy.

EDITORIAL BOARD
At the end of each year, editors elect staff members to serve as editors for the following year. Editors are selected based on their effort, quality of work, and overall contribution to ILR throughout the entire year. Editorial positions receive three units per semester.

GETTING STARTED

ILR staff members participate in an all-day orientation before the fall semester begins. This orientation serves to familiarize staff members with each aspect of the journal.

We encourage your participation in the write-on competition and look forward to your involvement next year as a member of ILR. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit the ILR office on the second floor of Founders Hall. We also encourage you to email us at ilr@lls.edu or call us at (213) 736-1405.

Good luck with finals and the write-on competition.