Michigan Law Review’s Note-On Policy

The Note-On policy is one of two methods, the other being Write-On, by which a current student at Michigan Law can become an Associate Editor on the Michigan Law Review. Our Membership Policies enumerate several requirements for the Note-On policy, applying to the applicant (or “student”), the submitted piece (“Note”), and selection. Please read the following requirements carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

The Applicant:
- Must be a student currently enrolled for credit at Michigan Law. The student must have at least two full semesters remaining at Michigan at the time that the piece is selected for publication.
- If an author who has fewer than two semesters remaining is selected, then she may still be published. However, she is not eligible to join MLR as an Associate Editor.
- The student may be a member of another journal at the time she is selected and may remain a member of that journal so long as she can simultaneously complete her work for MLR.
- The student need not have participated in Write-On.

The Piece:
- The Note submitted for a Call for purposes of Note-On must be a Note. That is, it must identify an unresolved legal issue and must propose a novel solution, recognizing that such a solution could take any number of forms. Pieces submitted as Comments, Online Essays, or Book Notices are not subject to MLR’s Note-On policy.
- The Note must be entirely the author’s original work. Pieces that are co-authored, pieces that have been edited by another journal, and pieces that were written for class credit are not eligible for submission to MLR under the Note-On policy. But the Note may have been written for Research Credit under the supervision of a faculty member.

Selection
- As with any piece submitted to a Call, the Note must be submitted to the mlr.ene@umich.edu email by 11:59pm on the date of the Call.
- A Note-On applicant may submit only one Note per Call. She may submit to no more than two Calls over the course of her time at Michigan.
- If a piece is not selected for publication, the Selection Committee will provide up to one page of general commentary and suggested improvements. Revising a Note in accordance with these suggestions does not guarantee selection in a later Call.
- If a piece is selected for publication, the student may choose to join MLR. If she so chooses, she joins as an Associate Editor and may immediately begin Associate Editor duties.

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