

## 2009 WRITING COMPETITION PERSONAL STATEMENT PROMPT

The *Journal of Business Law*, the *Journal of Constitutional Law*, the *Journal of International Law*, and the *Law Review* have created this portion of the competition to give you the opportunity to tell us more about yourself. We have seen your performance in the editing portion of this competition, and we would now like to learn more about you as individuals.

Our goal is to ensure that our Associate Editors bring a variety of experiences that will enhance their contributions to the journals' expressed goals of leadership, mentoring, and scholarship.

**Please submit a Personal Statement describing how your professional or personal experiences and interests will enhance your contributions to a journal.** In answering this question you may wish to discuss,

- Professional experiences
- Meaningful relationships
- Extracurricular activities
- Challenges you have faced
- A legal issue that resonates with you on a personal level (and why)
- Achievements you are particularly proud of
- Or anything else that will allow you to make a unique contribution to the journals' expressed goals of leadership, mentoring, and scholarship

### Additional Guidelines:

- Personal Statements are limited to 2 pages (Times New Roman 12 pt, double spaced, 1" margins).
- Place your writing competition number on all pages. Your name should not appear anywhere on the document.
- Although we realize you will be sharing personal information, please remember to maintain your anonymity. If a particular journal member recognizes you, she or he will not be eligible to grade your statement.

Please note that this portion carries significant weight in journal selection, and that we will consider not only the substance of your statement, but also the quality of your expression.