

# Temple International & Comparative Law Journal: Spring 2026 Info Session

Tues. March 17, 2026  
12pm

**\*Please check in on the sign in sheet\***



# Who is TICLJ?



# What is TICLJ?

- One of two law journals at Temple Law
- We publish two volumes of formal legal scholarship per year—one in the Fall and one in the Spring
- Our student-written issue publishes works that discuss (1) contemporary or novel issues in international law or (2) legal issues as they are understood, interpreted, applied, or approached differently by domestic and foreign actors
- We hold two symposiums per year—one discussing works by international legal scholars and one discussing works by Temple Law students
- TICLBlog is our online, less academic presence. Its purpose is to raise new legal questions that could spark discourse in international and comparative law

# What is Write-on?

- The competition that you have to participate in to become a member in the journal for the following school year
- Required materials:
  - Personal statement
  - Citation memo—below-the-line (BTL) edits
  - Article Review—above-the-line (ATL) edits
  - 2-4 page research essay (double spaced)

Download on Canvas, upload on Examsoft

This year's dates: **May 12th-May 31st**

Don't worry... it won't take you that whole time! (~5 days at MOST)

# Personal/Diversity Statement

- Brief – typically, no more than 300 word – statement
- Answering a prompt:
  - ❑ Examples: Background, experience, values
- Why?
  - ❑ Understand who you are as a human
  - ❑ Create a team that utilizes a multitude of perspectives
- **Tip** – Everyone has something to write about! The prompts are there to help, but there is something everyone can bring as a unique strength to TICLJ

# What is the Citation Memo?

- **Reviewing footnotes for technical and substantive accuracy**
- **Given a draft footnote:**
  - Correct all technical errors
  - Cite each correction to the corresponding Bluebook rule
- **What we're looking for:**
  - Attention to detail
  - Resource utilization
  - Good judgment

# Sample Citation Memo

*In re* American Bankruptcy Institute, *Chapter 15 Recognition of Third-Party Releases in Cross-Border Restructuring*, AM. BANKR. INST., <https://www.abi.org/feed-item/chapter-15-recognition-of-third-party-releases-in-cross-border-restructurings> (citing *In re Avanti Commc'ns Grp. PLC*, 582 B.R. 603 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2018)).

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- • BB R. 1.2(a) – signal needed here bc proposition is not quoted or stated directly
- • BB R. 18.2.2(a) – when there is no individual author found, it is okay to omit and use the institutional author after title of source
- • BB R. 18.2.2(a) - Institutional author name in large/small caps
- • BB R. 18.2.2(c) - no date of publication available, so added last visited date.
- • Eliminated unneeded parenthetical. This source does not actually cite the case, it just summarizes and discusses it

# Research Essay

- **Format**

- 2 – 4 pages

- **Not graded beyond 4 pages**

- Double spaced

- **Citations**

- Relevant authority for **every** assertion

- "Bluebooking" not graded

- **Topic**

- Contemporary/novel international and comparative law issue of **your choice**

- Source packet

- **Minimum** of 2 sources

- **Grading**

- Novelty/creativity

- Connection to international/comparative law

- Concision/clearly written

- Proper grammar, syntax, and spelling

# Research Essay (con't)

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

- Only for **Research Essay**

- Permitted** uses:

- Brainstorm topics

- Not permitted:**

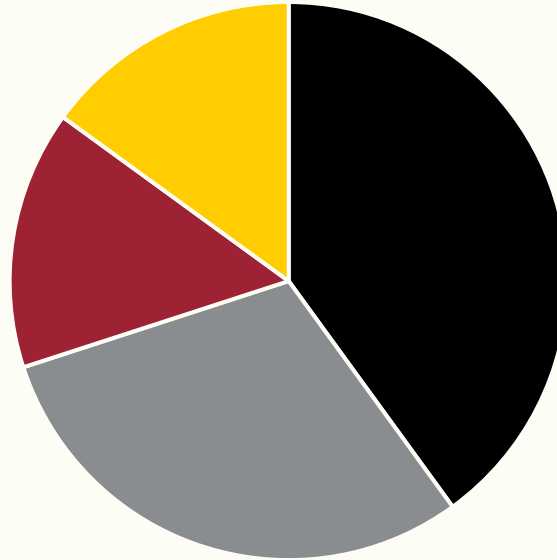
- Create thesis
  - Draft meaningful part of essay
    - Whole paragraph
    - Argument
    - Conclusion/ introduction
  - Summarize/paraphrase sources
  - Conduct proofread

# Article Review

- "Above-the-line" edits AKA editing the text of an article itself
- Given an article about an international or comparative law issue
  - Correct all errors
  - Using own writing judgment and Chicago Manual of Style
- What we are looking for:
  - Attention to detail
  - Catching grammar and syntax mistakes
  - Clarity but good judgment– don't change up the *voice* the author, but don't be afraid to move things around

# How do we make our selections?

## Grading Breakdown



■ 40% Citation Memo   ■ 30% Research Essay   ■ 15% Article Review   ■ 15% GPA

**Final step:** review of personal/diversity statement

# What happens after you're accepted?

- You become a staff editor for one full school year – 24 spots
- Your responsibilities will include...

## FALL:

- Two citation memos that review below-the-line citations in student-written articles
- One round of above-the-line edits of student-written articles
- Outline and first 15 pages of your own original Note or Comment

## SPRING:

- The final draft of your own Note or Comment—minimum 30 pages and roughly 250 footnotes
- One blog post—500-1500 words
- One citation memo of professional scholarship
- One round of above-the-line edits of professional scholarship

# Logistics

- **Membership Dues**

- \$50.00 - \$ 75.00/annually

- Covers:

- Food

- Happy Hours

- Birthday treats

- Stoles/cords for  
graduating 3Ls

- Financial Hardship Waiver  
available

- **Credit Allocation**

- Staff Editors

- 3 credits/Full academic year

- Allocate over two  
semesters; as desired

# International Law Requirement

- **Each Staff Editor is required to take an international law course by the end of the 2026-2027 academic year and must receive a C or higher**
  - ❑ Examples: International Law, Immigration, International Criminal Law
- **Waiver if:**
  - ❑ (1) took International Law in undergraduate school;
  - ❑ (2) have an undergraduate or graduate degree in international relations (or similar degree); or
  - ❑ (3) have extensive work experience in international law

# Why TICLJ?

- ✓ Become part of a group of students that values diverse and creative thought
- ✓ Opportunity to publish your legal writing, which practicing lawyers and professors could reference
- ✓ Rigorous academic experience that is credit-bearing (3 for the year) but not graded
- ✓ Fulfills the Research Writing requirement for graduation
- ✓ Chance to work closely with a professor on your Note/Comment
- ✓ Employers love it! It demonstrates that you have strong writing skills, creative problem-solving skills, good teamwork, and are well-versed in Bluebooking

# Top Takeaways



1. Temple Law only has two law journals
2. If you are interested in International Law, we're the journal for you!
3. Even if you're not interested in International Law, we're still the journal for you!  
You can use a comparative lens to analyze *any* legal issue
4. Don't self-select out. Your GPA accounts for 15% of your "write-on grade"
5. We publish 2 volumes—one in the Spring and one in the Fall, so no editing over summer and winter break
6. TICLJ is a rigorous experience that requires a serious time commitment, but it will not take up your entire schedule
7. Dean B will continue to remind you during FAQs at the end of the semester
8. And finally.... don't worry about this during exams! Fill out intent to participate form and forget about it until the summer

# What's next?

- ❑ Intent to participate form will be published on March 23rd
  - Deadlines: May 8th @ 5 PM + May 27th @ 5 PM
- ❑ Register for classes as normal. You will likely drop a class to make room for TICLJ
- ❑ Attend the student symposium tomorrow (3/18) at 5 PM in the Moot Court Room
- ❑ Focus on finishing your semester and crushing finals
- ❑ Ask us questions!!! And attend or watch our write-on training session on April 21st (tentative)

# Thanks!

Questions?

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