Dear Prospective Marquette Law Review Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Marquette Law Review. The students and faculty of Marquette University founded the Marquette Law Review in 1916. It is the eighth-oldest student-run law review in the United States. The Marquette Law Review is published quarterly and is a scholarly, legal journal that is written, edited, and managed by students. The Marquette Law Review publishes articles, book reviews, comments, and case notes. Legal scholars and practitioners write the articles and book reviews, while students write the comments and case notes. Each issue contains two or three articles and two or three student works.

The Marquette Law Review serves as an important forum through which legal issues and legal controversies are discussed. Student members play an important role in the Law Review’s publication. Students are responsible for editing, verifying, and critiquing all published articles. Such responsibility provides students with a valuable opportunity to sharpen and develop their writing, research, and analytical skills.

In addition to providing students editorial practice, the Law Review also requires students to write a comment, which the Marquette Law Review may publish the following year. A team of editors guides students through the writing process.

MEMBERSHIP

Students may gain membership on the Marquette Law Review in one of two ways. First, the Law Review extends membership invitations to students who finish their first year in the top ten percent of their class. Second, students may gain membership by submitting a superior Decision Analysis case note and Bluebook exercise as products of the writing competition. Student members receive one unit of academic credit per semester for the work on the Law Review.

2013 WRITING COMPETITION

The 2013 writing competition for transfer students will begin at 8:00 a.m. on August 23, and end at 8:00 p.m. on September 3.

If you are interested in participating in the writing competition, please note the following:
To take part in the competition, you must complete all first-year required courses and have at least two semesters remaining by the end of the spring semester preceding the competition. Please see Dean Thomson if you have questions regarding your eligibility.

You will access all instructions and materials for the writing competition via the 2013 Marquette Law Review Write-On Competition Lexis Web Course. Detailed Instructions are immediately available on the web course and should be reviewed before the competition begins. Please register as soon as possible but students must enroll before 8:00 pm on August 23, at which point enrollment will close.

Enrolled students will receive an anonymous number for the competition on August 24th.

Law Review Editorial Board members will grade your writing competition materials. You will receive notice of your result within a reasonable time after your submission. The Editorial Board’s decision is final.

**HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITION**

We have a few suggestions for how to maximize your chances of performing well in the writing competition. First, we suggest you take a look at some DAs from past years. These DAs will provide you with guidance as to content, structure, format, and citation form. However, please note that you may format your DA differently. Past DAs may be found at:

90 Marq. L. Rev. 155  
85 Marq. L. Rev. 579  
84 Marq. L. Rev. 571  
82 Marq. L. Rev. 447  
81 Marq. L. Rev. 161

Second, we suggest you review the contents of the Bluebook. Submitting a technically perfect DA may give you an advantage in the competition, and familiarity with the Bluebook will make the editing exercise easier. Finally, we suggest you review the *Texas Law Review Manual on Usage & Style*. This book is available at Bookmarq or online and is an excellent source for guidance on grammar and style.

**MEMBERSHIP DUTIES**

Members of the *Law Review* join a team dedicated to the successful production of a quality academic publication. New members will play an integral role in ensuring that the articles, essays, speeches, book reviews, notes, and comments published meet professional
standards for accuracy and excellence. While the process is time consuming and often difficult, the end results, both individually and collectively, are rewarding.

Student members must contribute sixty hours of non-written work per semester. New members attend a training session prior to the start of the semester that focuses in part on editing responsibilities and techniques. Once trained, members will complete two “edits” during each semester, once early in the semester and once mid-semester. These edits include citation verification, “Bluebooking,” and textual editing. While these assignments are time intensive, members receive advanced notice of editing deadlines so that they can plan for these assignments. Additionally, editing duties are completed well before the start of finals.

Members also complete a comment during the course of the school year. These academic works are vital to a successful law review and engage members in academic discourse. Members are paired with a “Comment Editor” who assists in the successful completion of the comment. Members select a topic, develop a working draft during the fall semester, and submit a completed comment early in the spring semester. Faculty members and editors review the comments, and the Marquette Law Review may publish those of high quality in the following volume.

Several students have successfully participated in Appellate Writing and Advocacy (AWA) and the Jenkins Moot Court Competition while being members of the Law Review. Please direct any questions regarding the feasibility of doing both or time-management concerns to Marty St. Aubin at martin.staubin@marquette.edu.

Thank you for your interest in the Marquette Law Review. If you have any questions regarding the writing competition, please contact Brianna Schonenberg at Brianna.schonenberg@marquette.edu

Sincerely,

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Brianna Schonenberg, Managing Editor
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