



Gonzaga Law Review

Volume 53 Submission Guidelines

The *Gonzaga Law Review* (the “*Review*”) invites the submission of unsolicited Articles, Book Reviews, Notes, and Comments. In addition, the *Review* invites submission of *Gonzaga Law Review Online* Essays and Responses. The *Review* publishes three times a year. We accept submissions on a rolling basis and encourage authors to submit their works to us whenever they believe they are suitable for publication.

I. Submission Timing to the *Review* and Other Publications Exclusive Submission

We consider each manuscript we receive using an extensive review process. As a result, we are often unable to make quick decisions when authors have competing offers from other journals. In the past, authors have been faced with uncomfortable pressure of having to make a decision about an offer from another journal. The best way to avoid this situation is to allow the *Review* time to review your piece. **We encourage you to submit your piece to us exclusively for two weeks.** If you are submitting during the summer, we suggest that you not submit to any other journal before August 24. Authors submitting to us on an exclusive basis should indicate via their e-mail submission the date on which they will send their piece to other journals.

Expediting Requests: If you have received an offer of publication from another journal, please request that the *Review* give your submission expedited review via the header in your email submission, which will immediately notify editors of your deadline. If you are confronted with an imminent deadline, please email gulr@lawschool.gonzaga.edu. Please note that because of our extensive review system, any request for expedited review for less than three weeks from our initial receipt of the piece may be disadvantaged. To avoid this problem, we again encourage you to submit to us on an exclusive basis for a limited time period. **The vast majority of the submissions we have accepted in recent volumes have not been expedited, and expedited review provides your piece with no competitive advantage in our process.**

II. Forms of Academic Scholarship

The *Review* publishes non-student scholarship under three rubrics: Articles, Essays, and Book Reviews. The *Review* publishes student scholarship under two rubrics: Notes and Comments. We also accept essays and responses for publication in the *Gonzaga Law Review Online*.

Articles & Essays: The division between Articles and Essays is not rigid, but it helps us and our readers to distinguish between longer, more systematic pieces and shorter, more exploratory ones. You may submit your written material as either an Essay or an Article. However, our editors may consider each submission for both categories unless you request that we not do so.

Book Reviews: The *Review* invites scholars and practitioners to submit reviews of books that are forthcoming or published in the past twenty-four months. We prefer reviews of books that have not yet been extensively discussed elsewhere.

Notes & Comments: The division between Notes and Comments is not rigid, but it helps us and our readers to distinguish between longer, more systematic pieces of writing and shorter, more exploratory ones. You may submit your piece as either a Note or a Comment. However, our editors may consider each submission for both categories unless you request that we not do so.

Online Publication: The *Gonzaga Law Review Online* seeks scholarship that is shorter and more accessible to a general audience than pieces published in the print pages of the *Review*. We accept two types of submissions: 1) essays of no more than 6,000 words (including footnotes) that grapple with relevant issues as they unfold, and therefore merit swifter publication than the print medium might allow; and 2) responses of no more than 6,000 words (including footnotes) to recent pieces published in the print *Review*. Students, faculty, and practitioners are welcome to submit work in either of these categories. All *Gonzaga Law Review Online* pieces are fully searchable and available on LexisNexis and Westlaw, and are also made available in PDF format.

III. Content Submission Requirements

Manuscript: Submit only one, double-spaced copy of your manuscript. We prefer that submissions appear in Microsoft Word format.

Language: We encourage the use of gender-neutral language when possible.

Citation Format: Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Text and footnotes should conform to *A Uniform System of Citation* (20th ed. 2015) (“The Bluebook”).

Length: The *Review* is committed to publishing concise and readable work. In affirming our commitment to this goal, the *Review* adopts the position of a number of leading law journals. ([See the Joint Statement regarding articles length.](#))

Articles: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 25,000 words, including footnotes.**

Essays: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 17,500 words, including footnotes.**

Book Reviews: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 10,000 words, including footnotes.**

Notes: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 17,500 words, including footnotes.**

Comments: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 7,500 words, including footnotes.**

Gonzaga Law Review Online Essays: We strongly encourage submissions **fewer than 2,000 words, including footnotes.**

Gonzaga Law Review Online Online Responses: We strongly encourage submissions of **fewer than 6,000 words, including footnotes.**

For submissions that exceed these word counts, length will be a factor that weighs against acceptance of the manuscript.

Abstract: Please include a short abstract with your submission. The abstract should detail how the argument being advanced fits into the current literature. It should be clear from this statement how your argument differs from those of other authors.

Anonymity: We review manuscripts anonymously, without regard to the author's name, prior publications, or pending publication offers. We therefore ask that you remove all identifying information (including your name, affiliation, and acknowledgments) from the manuscript and the file name. Please also redact any identifying information in headers and footnotes. Do ensure, however, that the title of the manuscript appears on the first page.

IV. Withdrawal

Review of your article is time-consuming and extensive. Therefore, please let us know as soon as possible if you decide to withdraw your submission from consideration.

V. Restrictions on Student Authorship

Volume 52 of the *Review* will not review submissions for inclusion in its Articles and Essays sections if the sole author is a current J.D. student (at Gonzaga Law School or elsewhere). We strongly encourage current Gonzaga Law School students to submit their scholarship to the *Review* for consideration as Notes, Comments, or *Gonzaga Law Review Online Essays*. We will consider Articles and Essays co-authored by J.D. students (to include directed research papers) if one of the co-authors is not a current J.D. student.

VI. Conflicts of Interest

Once a submission is accepted by the *Review*, the author will be required to disclose all potential conflicts of interest in the first footnote of the published version. Authors must identify any organizations that provided funding for the research or writing of the manuscript, as well as any personal or family financial interests that might be pertinent. Authors must also disclose their involvement in any litigation that is referenced in or relevant to the Article, Essay, Book Review, or *Gonzaga Law Review Online* piece. The *Review*'s publication offers are all contingent upon authors' compliance with this conflict-of-interest policy.