

Dear students,

The *UNSW Law Journal* is currently recruiting new members for its Editorial Board. This is the major round of recruitment for those who would like to be members of the *Journal* in 2018.

Successful applicants will commence their term and start editing in August 2017, so your availability to edit during semester 2, 2017 and over summer is relevant (but not essential). Please get your applications in by **22 May 2017**, and send enquiries to law.journal@unsw.edu.au.

About the Journal

The *Journal* is one of Australia's leading academic legal journals and one of few to be entirely produced by a student board. It is UNSW Law's flagship publication and one of the most widely cited legal reviews in Australia. Supported by premier sponsors Allens, Herbert Smith Freehills and King & Wood Mallesons, the *Journal* publishes four Issues a year.

The *Journal* has a diverse and influential readership. It is distributed to judges (including of the High Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia and Supreme Court of NSW), law firms, government and non-government organisations and over 250 universities worldwide. Submissions for publication are received from local and international academics, judges and a wide range of legal professionals.

What is the Editorial Board?

The Editorial Board is the body of students responsible for the production of the *UNSW Law Journal*. The responsibilities of General Members of the Editorial Board include:

- editing articles that are selected for publication in the *Journal*;
- attending *Journal* Issue launch events, dinners and other social events. In 2016, the *Journal*'s launches were held at the Sydney offices of Premier Sponsors Allens, Herbert Smith Freehills and King & Wood Mallesons, with one launch hosted by Ashurst; and
- attending meetings of the Editorial Board.

After serving as a General Member of the Board, members also have the opportunity to stand for election to the Executive Committee and assume editorial responsibility for an Issue of the *Journal*. Course credit is awarded for these positions.

Why join the Editorial Board?

Editing the *Journal* exposes students to the most recent critical analyses of legislation, legal policy and judicial decisions, and presents a unique opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the Law School. Membership of the Board attracts considerable prestige within the legal community, and in particular among employers and postgraduate scholarship committees. *Journal* alumni have held tipstaff or associate positions in various courts, including the High Court of Australia. Several of Australia's recent Rhodes Scholars were alumni of the *Journal*.

Recruitment Process

Recruitment to the Editorial Board comprises a three-stage process. First, applicants are required to submit their most recent academic transcript, their curriculum vitae and a cover letter detailing relevant skills, experience and reasons for applying. Second, applicants selected to proceed must complete a substantial editing exercise and attend an interview with members of the Executive Committee. Finally, the current members of the Board will hold a meeting to elect the best candidates to the Board.

Applicants must have at least two semesters of university remaining to complete at UNSW in Sydney at the time of applying. While a strong interest in editing academic articles is essential, prior editing experience is not.

Recruitment Timeline

- **Monday 22 May, 5.00pm:** Applications close.
- **Tuesday 27 June:** Applicants moving on to the next stage receive an editing exercise and will be asked to state preferences for an interview between Sunday 23 and Tuesday 25 July.
- **Tuesday 4 July, 5.00 pm:** Completed editing exercise due.
- **Sunday 23 July –Tuesday 25 September (Week 1, Semester 2 commences Monday 24):** Interviews take place at university for those moving on from the editing exercise stage.
- **Thursday 3 August (Week 2, Semester 2):** The current Editorial Board meets to elect new General Members.
- **Saturday 5 August, 9.00 am:** Training, induction and social day with the Editorial Board.

Please note that these dates will be compulsory. If there are any issues please let us know as soon as possible.

Applications

Please email applications (or questions about the application process or about journal editing) to law.journal@unsw.edu.au, with the subject heading 'Application for UNSWLJ Board'.

For more information on recruitment, including a Q&A with a current Editorial Board member, please visit: <http://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au>

Kind regards,

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