

Dear Student:

Congratulations on an excellent year! Your superior academic performance has placed you in the top 15% of your law school class or section. As a result, I am pleased to invite you to become a candidate for membership on the *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*. As a walk-on candidate, you do not have to participate in the writing competition.

Because of your excellent academic record during your first year, you have no doubt received walk-on invitations from multiple reviews, and you may have questions about how to choose from amongst them. If you're like I was last year, you're likely to consider choosing a review based purely on the perceived selectivity of the review as indicated by its walk-on or grade-on acceptance percentages. I'd caution you, however, that those numbers are only *one* of the criteria for choosing a review. You should also consider the strength of the review's alumni connections, standing in the local and national academic community, publication opportunities, and on- and off-campus events and benefits. The *Inter-American Law Review* is consistently one of the top two reviews on campus in all of the above categories.

Participation on the *Inter-American Law Review* will be a challenging and rewarding experience. Our review is a leading publication on legal topics pertaining to the Western Hemisphere, with articles regularly covering Latin-America, the Caribbean, Canada, and the United States. We publish three issues each year dealing with current developments in Inter-American law in areas as diverse as immigration, child abduction, artists' rights, bankruptcy, taxation, banking, and other comparative topics. Each issue also includes two student articles from review members, and we host a symposium in the spring that provides additional opportunities for involvement and publication. The research and writing skills you will acquire as a member of the *Inter-American Law Review* will be an invaluable asset throughout your legal career.

Our review has strong ties to the local community and holds events throughout the year to allow members to interact with alumni and local attorneys. From happy hours to our annual *Lawyer of the Americas* banquet, you will have ample opportunities to network within the South Florida legal community. Additionally, we have a reputation as a tight-knit review because of our outstanding on-campus office space that allows members to work and socialize together in the library. And, should you choose to run for the Executive Board next spring, we offer scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000 for your 3L year.

To accept this offer, you must send a written acceptance to the *Inter-American Law Review* so that it is received **no later than August 15, 2009**. You may return it by mail or in person to the *Inter-American Law Review* Business Office, located on the third floor of the law library (D-333). Mail acceptances to:

George Williamson
Editor-in-Chief
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Law Library- Room D-333
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Please also email a copy of your acceptance letter to me at gwilliamson@students.law.miami.edu. If meeting this deadline is not feasible, please call our office number at (305) 284-5562 or (305) 284-1926 and leave a message with your name, phone number and detailed message.

Initial acceptance of this invitation does not preclude you from participating in the Writing Competition. For more information about the Writing Competition, please visit <http://currentstudents.law.miami.edu/stuorgs/writingcomp/>.

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for the *Inter-American Law Review*. The Executive

Board plans to make membership on the Review an enjoyable and educational experience for all its members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at one of the office phone numbers listed above or by email at gwilliamson@students.law.miami.edu.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

George Williamson
Editor-in-Chief