

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW REVIEW

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review seeks to advance legal scholarship by publishing an academic journal that embodies the Law Review's mission of serving as a vehicle for social, economic, and political uplift in communities of color.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should take care to respond fully, fairly, and carefully to every question on the application. In evaluating applications, the University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review is principally concerned with a candidate's potential for succeeding in and contributing to the success of the Law Review and the University of Miami School of Law community. The care, candor, and integrity evidenced by the application are factors considered in our evaluation.

ADMISSION STANDARDS

Admission decisions for the University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review are made by the members of the Law Review that will evaluate each applicant's enthusiasm and potential for excellence. The primary indicators of such potential include the applicant's expressed interest in issues of social justice and commitment to effecting change in communities of color. In determining which applicants satisfy the Law Review's high standards, the Law Review will also consider such factors as the applicant's cumulative GPA, Legal Research and Writing or Legal Communication and Research Skills grade, prior academic achievements, significant work experiences, extracurricular activities, community service, and distinct skills or background. In addition to completing the application form, the applicant is required to submit a writing sample, not to exceed seven pages, a resume, and the completed bluebooking quiz. Because the process is selective, applicants are encouraged to provide the Law Review with a complete understanding of their backgrounds and accomplishments. The University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review is committed to a policy of enhancing the diversity of its student representation and encourages applications from members of all ethnic groups.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted to the University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review upon completion, with all required documents and supplementary information attached. Completed application materials must be received no later than **5:00 pm on Sunday, January 29, 2012**. Application materials may be submitted electronically in PDF form to rsjlr.um@gmail.com. Applications received after the January 29, 2012 deadline will not be considered. Per submission of your application, applicants may be contacted for a brief interview by members of the Law Review to assist in their evaluation of an applicant's interest in the University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review. The University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review will notify each applicant via e-mail once final selections decisions have been made. The Law Review will hold a **mandatory orientation for all new members on Saturday, February 11, 2012**. Applicants should reserve this date on their calendars in advance.

CHECKLIST

- Completed Application Form
- Writing Sample (not to exceed seven pages)
- Statement of Interest (not to exceed 250 words)
- Bluebooking Quiz
- Resume

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____

EDUCATION

Law School GPA: _____ LRW/LCOMM Grades: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____
Major: _____
Graduate Degree(s): _____

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? _____
If so, how many hours per week? _____

Please describe your weekly time commitments to any additional activities that you will be involved in this year (i.e., clinics, student organizations, etc.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, academically dismissed, expelled, requested or required to withdraw, or otherwise sanctioned by any post-secondary school, college, university, professional school, law school, or other educational institution?

Yes or No _____

If your answer is yes, please attach a statement explaining fully.

Have you ever attended another law school(s) (including summer conditional programs)?

Yes or No _____

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If your answer is yes, please list the name and address of the law school(s), dates attended, and the reason for leaving.

Please list all significant writing experiences, including independent research and writing projects, theses, and dissertations you prepared as part of your education; articles, books and reports you have authored; and work as a journalist or editor:

Please list your academic honors and significant extracurricular activities:

Is there any other information that you would like the Editorial Board to consider in this matter? (250 word limit)

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please attach a statement of interest detailing your specific interest in the University of Miami Race and Social Justice Law Review, and your interest in the issues that affect communities of color. This may include any relevant work experience, life experience or unique circumstances. This information will be used by the Law Review in reaching a decision on your application. (250 word limit)

SIGNATURE

I certify that all the above and supplementary information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to notify the Law Review of any significant changes that might affect the accuracy or completeness of the information in my application or my eligibility for consideration as a prospective UMRSJLR member. I understand that failure to respond fully and accurately to the questions contained herein, or to inform the Law Review of any significant changes, may result in the submission of a report to the Honor Council for investigation.

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

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BLUEBOOKING QUIZ

Instructions: Please correct the citations below. In the right column, indicate the rule number(s) that apply for each change you make. You may use the internet and the nineteenth edition of the Bluebook. This is not a group quiz, do not consult with anyone else or have your corrections reviewed before submitting this quiz.

Citation	Rule Implicated
[1] Peter Slevin, <u>Court Battle Likely on Affirmative Action Ban</u> , WASH. POST, November 18, 2006, at A02.	
Correction:	
[2] <u>Collins Spanish Dictionary</u> 7th edition published (2003).	
Correction:	
[3] Tomás Ybarra-Frausto, Rasquachismo: A Chicano Sensibility, Pp. 155-162 in RICHARD GRISWOLD DEL CASTILLO, TERESA MCKENNA, AND YVONNE YARBRO-BEJARANO, (Eds.) CHICANO ART: Resistance and Affirmation, 1965-1985 (1991).	
Correction:	
[4] <u>Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District</u> , 127 S. Ct. 2738 (2007)	
Correction:	
[5] DONNA GOLDSTEIN, LAUGHTER “OUT OF PLACE”: RACE, CLASS, VIOLENCE AND SEXUALITY IN A RIO SHANTYTOWN 49-50 (2003)	

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Correction:	
[6] Presidential Executive Order Number 10,925 of March 6 th , 1961, in Volume 26 of the Federal Register, on page 1977	
Correction:	
[7] Prohibited Activities clause of the Federal RICO Act, 1988	
Correction:	
[8] See, Vincene Verdun, The Only Lonely Remedy, 59 Oh. St. L.J. 793, 802 (1998).	
Correction:	
[9] See http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/history/people.html .	
Correction:	
[10] Stephen Sturgeon, Wayne Aspinall and the Politics of Western Water 4, April 22, 1998 on file with University of Colorado Norlin Library, University of Colorado at Boulder unpublished Ph.D dissertation.	
Correction:	