

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**2009 Melissa S. Landers First-Year Writing Competition**  
*Washington Law Review, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal, and*  
*Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*

**I. Important Information for All Participants:**

- **One Paper:** You need only write one paper, whether you are applying to the *Washington Law Review, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*, the *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology* or all three publications. The topic for all papers will be identical.
- **Anonymity:** All papers will be anonymously graded and identified by a number issued to you by Academic Services. Additionally, all information regarding grades will remain anonymous and confidential. Academic Services will not inform the journal staffs of the grades of individual applicants. Rather, Academic Services will apply a formula that takes both grades and competition paper scores into account and will release only the names of students, in rank order, who are eligible for invitation to the respective publications.
- **To Apply:** To apply, **please submit the attached application form and a check/money order for \$20, payable to Washington Law Review.** This fee holds whether you are applying to one, two, or all three journals. Fee waivers are available for those who are unable to pay. To obtain a waiver, you must submit a written explanation of financial need with your application to Academic Services. They will forward your request anonymously and contact you about the status of your request within two business days.

**Please ALSO submit this information over Catalyst (both paper and electronic application required):**  
<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/kgotchy/76743>

- **Application Deadline:** Application forms for current University of Washington School of Law students must be received by **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2009.** Drop off your application form, with check attached, at the Circulation Desk of the Gallagher Law Library.

Application forms for non University of Washington School of Law students who are seeking to transfer to the School of Law for the 2009-2010 academic year must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009.** Mail your application form, with check attached, to:

Washington Law Review  
Attn: Write-On Application  
University of Washington  
William H. Gates Hall  
Box 353020  
Seattle, WA 98195

It is your responsibility to verify that your application has been received by the competition administrators. You must provide an address and telephone number where you can be reached from **Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19, 2009**, when offers will be extended. It is your responsibility to contact the journals you applied to if this information changes during the summer.

- **Packets:** Applicants will receive an email with an attached PDF containing all of the materials necessary to participate in the competition on **Friday, June 12, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.** Requests for application accommodations should be addressed to Charli Hancock at [charliah@u.washington.edu](mailto:charliah@u.washington.edu).
- **Identification Numbers:** Academic Services will issue each applicant with an identification number. These numbers will be posted to your Adjusted Schedule by \_\_\_\_\_. You may also go to Academic Services to pick up this number.
- **Papers:** The submission deadline for competition papers is **Friday, June 26, at 3:00 p.m.** Papers may be dropped off at Academic Services any time before this deadline. Papers received after 3:00 p.m. on June 26 will not be considered. This is not negotiable or subject to appeal. If may mail in your submission, but it must be *received* by the deadline.

- **Questions:** General questions regarding the competition should be addressed to:  
*Washington Law Review:*
  - Charli Hancock – [charliah@u.washington.edu](mailto:charliah@u.washington.edu)*Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*
  - Megan Winder - [winderm@u.washington.edu](mailto:winderm@u.washington.edu)*Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*
  - Paula Simon - [PCSimon@u.washington.edu](mailto:PCSimon@u.washington.edu)

## **II. Washington Law Review – Membership Application Information**

All first-year students - and second-year students enrolled in a joint-degree program - with six law school quarters remaining are eligible for membership on the *Washington Law Review*. All students seeking to become members of the *Washington Law Review* must participate in the Melissa S. Landers First-Year Writing Competition. The *Washington Law Review* will invite 24 students, selected as follows:

- **Six students based on first-year grades**
- **Six students based on writing competition scores**
- **Twelve students based on a combination of writing competition scores and first-year grades, with approximately equal weight given to each**

**All *Washington Law Review* candidates must submit a satisfactory paper in the writing competition.** Papers will be read by current *Washington Law Review* members. If two members determine that a paper does not meet the substantive and mechanical requirements specified in the scoring policy, the applicant will not be invited to join the *Washington Law Review* regardless of the applicant's grades. **The *Washington Law Review* will issue invitations between Friday, July 17 and Sunday, July 19, 2009.** All students who choose to accept membership on the *Washington Law Review* must commit to remaining at the University of Washington School of Law for the 2008-2009 academic year. This requirement is intended to avoid the situation where a student accepts an invitation to the journal, but subsequently transfers schools, leaving the journal short of members. Students who accept an invitation for membership must attend a full day orientation on **Sunday, August 23, 2009**. You may submit questions regarding the competition to Charli Hancock at [charliah@u.washington.edu](mailto:charliah@u.washington.edu).

## **III. Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal – Membership Application Information**

All first-year students - and second-year students enrolled in a joint-degree program - with six law school quarters remaining are eligible for membership on the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*. The *Journal* will select approximately 27 applicants for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants will be considered for membership using two methods:

**General Method:** The writing competition paper counts for 75% of the applicant's score, grades count 15%, and the personal statement counts 10%.

**Translation Method:** The writing competition paper counts for 60% of the applicant's score, the translation counts 30%, and the personal statement counts 10%. Applicants who select the translation method will be provided with packets that include a one-page language assessment form. The applicant will be required to translate text from the Pacific Rim language of his/her choice into English (in selecting translation members, preference will be given to East Asian languages).

Up to six positions may be awarded under the Translation Method for applicants with significant foreign language skills useful in editing and translating. Applicants who apply using the translation method will also be considered for general membership under the traditional method. Submissions will be read by current *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* members. The *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* staff will issue invitations between **Friday, July 17 and Sunday, July 19, 2009**. Students who accept an invitation for membership are expected to attend a full day orientation **Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30, 2009**. Questions regarding the competition or these methods should be addressed to Megan Winder at [winderm@u.washington.edu](mailto:winderm@u.washington.edu).

## **IV. Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology – Membership Application Information**

All first-year students - and second-year students enrolled in a joint-degree program - with six law school quarters remaining are eligible for membership on the *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*. The *Journal* will select approximately 10 applicants for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants will be considered for membership based on the following criteria:

- **Approximately 5 based on writing sample**
- **Approximately 5 based on a combination of writing sample and grades**
- **Applicants have the option of submitting a brief additional statement of interest**

The *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology* staff will issue invitations between **Friday, July 17 and Sunday, July 19, 2009**. Students who accept an invitation for membership are expected to attend an orientation session on **Saturday, August 22, 2009**. Questions regarding the competition or these methods should be addressed to Paula Simon at [PCSimon@u.washington.edu](mailto:PCSimon@u.washington.edu).

## **2009 Melissa S. Landers 1L Writing Competition Timeline**

Monday, May 11 – 1L Informational Session 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. Rm 138

**Friday, May 22, 5:00 p.m.** – **Writing competition applications and \$20.00 due to Law Library Circulation Desk;** please make checks payable to *Washington Law Review*.  
(June 9 for transfer applicants)  
Catalyst survey responses due.

\_\_\_\_\_ – Confidential identification number available from Academic Services (posted to student's adjusted schedule)

Friday, June 12 – Writing competition PDF distributed to 1Ls via email (make sure to include your email address on your application)

**Friday, June 26, 3:00 p.m.** – **All papers due to Academic Services, no exceptions**

Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19 – Offers extended to 2Ls

Sunday, August 23 – Orientation for *Washington Law Review*

Saturday, Aug. 29 & Sunday, Aug. 30 - Orientation for *Pac Rim Law & Policy Journal*

Saturday, August 22 - Orientation for *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*

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*Washington Law Review:* Charli Hancock – charliah@u.washington.edu

*Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal:* Megan Winder – winderm@u.washington.edu

*Shidler Journal of Law,  
Commerce & Technology:* Paula Simon – PCSimon@u.washington.edu

**APPLICATION**  
**2009 Melissa S. Landers First-Year Writing Competition**

Please Print and Complete All Information:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Summer Telephone:** (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ First-Year Student     **or**     \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Degree Candidate ( \_\_\_\_\_ Program)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Check/Money Order Attached payable to Washington Law Review **or**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fee Waiver Attached

**I would like to apply to (check one, two, or all):**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Washington Law Review*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Shidler Journal of Law, Commerce & Technology*

If applying to *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*, please check one or more of the following selection criteria explained in the information accompanying this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ General Method     \_\_\_\_\_ Translation Method

Language \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** You may apply to all three publications, but may accept an invitation to only one publication. You may only be a member of one publication while you are a UW law student. Once you accept an offer from one publication you cannot later apply to other publications.

*Waiver of Nondisclosure of Information*

I have read the University of Washington Policy on Disclosure of Student Records (WAC 478-140-024). I fully understand that I have a right to limit disclosure of information from my law school record under this Policy.

With this understanding, I expressly authorize the Dean of the University of Washington School of Law (or any person authorized by the Dean) to provide information concerning my academic record at the Law School during the 2008-2009 school year to the designated publication staff members.

This waiver will go into effect upon receipt by the University of Washington School of Law. It will remain in effect until expressly revoked by me in writing and only after receipt by the University of Washington School of Law.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_