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Description

Similar to the other law reviews, there are two ways to become a member of the SMU Science and Technology Law Review [STLR]. Generally, students in the top twenty-five percent of the class who make a good faith effort in the write-on competition are eligible to receive an offer. Grade-on offers, however, will vary depending upon the needs of the journal and the number of applicants. In some years, all of the top twenty-five percent will receive offers, and in other years, not all of the top twenty-five percent will receive offers. The remaining staff editors are selected based on their performance in the write-on competition. There is no grade cut-off to join the SMU Science and Technology Law Review. However, because it is a small journal, only 20-30 students typically receive offers to join.

Staff Editor Requirements

Similar to the other law reviews, STLR staff editors write a Casenote in the fall and a Comment in the spring. Since our organization is much smaller than the other law reviews, there is a greater chance of having your written work published and obtaining an editorial board position your 3L/4E year. Furthermore, since we publish less frequently, there are comparatively fewer cite checks for staff editors; on the other hand, everyone works diligently to complete their work since there are fewer students.

Symposium

For the last two years, we have hosted the Game::Business::Law International Summit where investors, developers, publishers, and lawyers gathered at SMU to discuss industry trends and developments in digital games. In the past, we have also hosted the symposium, “Emerging Intellectual Property Issues.”

Commonly Asked Questions

Although our law review frequently publishes articles on patents, we also focus on other forms of technology including e-commerce, issues concerning the internet, trademark, and copyright. Absolutely no science background is needed or required to join. On the other hand, if you are interested in, or know you wish to practice in an area that our journal focuses on, it may be an added incentive to be on a law review that publishes science and technology articles.

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