

*Suffolk University Law Review*  
*Information Panel*  
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**Who are we?**

- The *Suffolk University Law Review* is a **student-edited legal periodical** published four times each year.
- It is our **mission** to advance legal education and the legal profession through **quality legal commentary** and **high publication standards**.
- The *Law Review* is designed primarily as a **research tool** for the judiciary, practitioners, scholars, and students.

**What do we do?**

- Each issue of the *Law Review* contains works written by **professionals** and **students**.
- *Law Review* Staff Members **edit** pieces written by **leading scholars** in preparation for publication.
- **Student-written** pieces include Notes and Case Comments.
  - A **Note** is an **in-depth analysis** of a particular field of law.
  - A **Case Comment** describes and analyzes a **recent court decision**.
- The *Suffolk University Law Review* organizes and hosts the **Donahue Lecture Series**, which brings **high-profile legal thinkers** to lecture at the Law School three times each year.

**Why join?**

- Students gain **invaluable experience** writing their own pieces and editing the works of others.
- *Law Review* Staff Members develop **legal research, writing, and analytical skills**.
- Each student-written piece will be considered for **publication**.
- *Law Review* Members may receive **up to 2 credits per semester**.
- Members become part of a **distinguished alumni network**.

**How do we select Staff Members?**

- Membership is **highly competitive**.
  - In the 2009 competition, the *Law Review* Editorial Board selected **21 students out of 133** eligible for the Closed Write-On Competition.
- **Grade On**
  - The **top-ranking student from each section** entering the **2nd year Day** Division and the **top-ranking student** entering the **3rd year Evening** Division are **automatically invited** to become members.
- **Closed Write-On Competition**
  - The *Law Review* holds an **invite-only** writing competition in **mid-July** to select its Staff Members.
  - **Eligibility**
    - Students entering 2nd year Day Division and 3rd year Evening Division must rank within the **top 25%** of their **respective sections**.
    - Students entering 3rd year Day Division or 4th year Evening Division must rank within the **top 15%** of their **class**.
    - Joint Degree students must contact the Editor-in-Chief for eligibility information.
  - Students invited to compete will complete a **Case Comment** to be reviewed by current *Law Review* Members.
- The **selection process** is completely **anonymous** and completed **without regard for grades**.
- Each competition piece is reviewed carefully considering the author's **writing style, analysis, and technical form**.
- The competition is **coordinated with other Honor Boards** so participants will **write only one piece for consideration** among all Honor Boards.
- The *Law Review* **does not participate in the Open Write-On Competition**.

For more information and answers to FAQs please **visit our website** at [www.law.suffolk.edu/SULR](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/SULR), or contact Lauren Gearty, Editor-in-Chief, at [Lauren.Gearty@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.Gearty@gmail.com).

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