

International Law Society Blog 2025-26 Write-On Competition Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in VILSB! Please review the following guidelines for writing your submission. If you have any questions, please reach out to Justin and Mari at vilsb@outlook.com. We look forward to reading your submissions!

Note: As submissions are anonymously reviewed by our editorial staff, please only speak with Justin or Mari through the email above with questions or comments you may have.

Editorial Process for Staff Writers:

The following summarizes what we expect of all current and future VILSB Staff Writers. This submission process **does not** apply to Write-On participants. **All Write-On Competition submissions should be submitted via the [Villanova International Law Society Blog 2024-25 Write-On Competition Submission Form](#) by September 26th at 11:59pm. Late submissions will not be considered.**

Staff Writers are **expected to submit two (2) posts per academic year**, including their Write-On submission if selected. To submit a blog post, Staff Writers submit a brief topic pitch (1-2 sentences) to the EIC/DEIC (Justin and Mari) by email, at vilsb@outlook.com. Upon approval, they produce a draft of their blog post and coordinate with their CE to review the piece. The CEs then submit revised drafts to the EIC/DEIC for final review and posting. All blog posts will appear on the VILSB site (vilsb.com) and may be featured on the ILS Instagram and ILSB LinkedIn. Staff Writers and Editors are encouraged to share LinkedIn/Instagram postings to their feed.

Blog Post Criteria:

Timelines:

- Blog posts should address an **emerging legal trend or major case law** development.
- Cases decided within the previous twelve months or on appeal in the next six months are considered **timely**.

Relevance:

- Blog post topics should focus on an international/transnational topic or a national trend or development with international/transnational implications.
- *Blog posts should be more than merely informative.*
- **Subject Areas:**
 - Global Politics/Policy/Affairs
 - National Security/Foreign Policy
 - International Development & Emerging Economies
 - Private International/Transnational Litigation
 - Global Environmental Law/Policy
 - International Trade/Corporate Law
 - Global Technology/Data Policy
 - (Any other area relevant to International or Transnational Law/Policy)
- **Note:** We will not publish pieces discussing solely the domestic law of a single nation-state (U.S. or otherwise) or domestic law/policy concerning foreign actors, e.g., U.S. Immigration Law.

Formatting:

- Submissions must be 500-750 words (not including footnotes), double-spaced, and size 12 Times New Roman Font.
- Include the citation for your cover image in Footnote 1.

- Work should be submitted as a Microsoft Word (.docx) via the Microsoft Form (to vilsb@outlook.com).
- Include your name and the article title in header of the document.
- Consult the Law Library's [Foreign, Comparative & International Law Research Guide](#) for suitable sources.

Suggestions

Consult the ILS Blog at <https://www.vilsb.com/posts> for reference of published student work as you write your piece. These blog posts can help you understand the scope, formatting, and structure of a blog post as well as the range of subject areas students have written about in the past.

Citations:

While citations are certainly important for any student's work posted to the blog, please note that Write-On submissions will be reviewed primarily based on the quality of the writing and research. We recognize that many participants in the Competition are just becoming familiar with legal citation, and if selected, our Editors will work with new Staff Writers to polish their first submissions before posting. In other words, **just try your best!**

We use **Bluebook** style citations for all posts. For further guidance, look to other posts on the blog, check library resources, or reach out to us with more specific materials.

Feel free to contact Justin or Mari with any questions at vilsb@outlook.com.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to VILSB!