

Villanova International Law Society Blog (VILSB)

Outside Writer Guidelines

<https://www.vilsb.com/>

Thank you for your interest in writing an article for VILSB! Please review the following guidelines for writing your submission. If you have any questions, please contact us at: vilsb@outlook.com. We look forward to reading your submission!

Submission and Publication Procedure:

1. Reach out to vilsb@outlook.com if you are interested in publishing an article with us.
2. Send a brief (1–3 sentences) overview of your idea for an article to vilsb@outlook.com.
 - a. For acceptable subject matter and further criteria, see below.
3. After your idea has been approved, write your draft article to vilsb@outlook.com.
 - a. Refer to writing criteria below.
4. If your article is accepted for publication, the Blog staff will contact you to assign your work a Blog staff editor.
 - a. All communications with Blog staff must be kept professional and are subject to the Villanova University Code of Conduct.
 - b. Your assigned editor will return your piece with recommended changes, issues, and advice generally within three (3) weeks.
 - c. You do not need to make any changes, issues, or implement the editors' advice, but we encourage you to take their recommendations and experience with our Blog into account. Our editors are all former staff writers, and have developed remarkable familiarity with the technicalities and style of Blog legal writing.
5. Submit your revised draft to vilsb@outlook.com.
 - a. We encourage writers to submit their revised drafts to within 3 weeks of receiving the editors' recommendations.
6. Blog staff will conduct a final read-through of your article and correct any technical mistakes. Your article will then be published on vilsb.com.
 - a. Articles may be featured on the ILS Instagram and VILSB LinkedIn (subject to your consent). We encourage all authors to share their published articles on their own social media as well.

Blog Post Criteria:

Timelines:

- Blog posts should address an **emerging legal trend or major case law** development.

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
 - Any other area relevant to International or Transnational Law/Policy
- **Note:** We will not publish pieces discussing *solely* the domestic law of the United States.

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Formatting:

- Submissions must be 750-1000 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 the article title and lede/subheading 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.

AI Usage:

Please refer to the VILSB ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY for prohibited and permitted uses of AI.

Please contact vilsb@outlook.com should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to VILSB!



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