



## NATIONAL SECURITY LAW JOURNAL

Potential Candidate Members:

Congratulations on completing another semester of law school! You are one step closer to reaching your career goals. We hope that you take the next step in your career by participating in the Write-On competition. We understand that Write-On can be stressful and overwhelming. While becoming a journal member is a major decision, it is one of the few choices you make in law school that will be reflected on your resume for decades. As our founding Editor-in-Chief recently told me: “Few people will care about your first-semester Torts grade after you graduate. However, when you are introduced at an event years from now, those assembled will inevitably be informed that you attended Antonin Scalia Law School, where you were a member of the National Security Law Journal.” Regardless of which journals you choose to rank, we encourage you to write on, and to put your best foot forward.

There are many reasons that you should consider NSLJ as your top-choice journal. Ours is one of just a few journals in the country focused on the field of national security law. We bring a unique perspective to the scholarly conversation by integrating policy with the legal issues inherent in foreign affairs, intelligence, homeland security, civil liberties, and national defense. Additionally, unlike other journals, we offer leadership opportunities to outstanding Candidate Members. Many on our current editorial board served as Assistant Managing Editors shortly after writing on. This is a valuable honor, and the experience will make it easier for you to take on the responsibilities of both full membership and journal leadership. We also provide candidate members the opportunity to complete spading assignments over the summer. This minimizes your workload during the school year, so that you can devote your time to maintaining your grades and crafting a quality, publishable note or comment.

At the end of the day, our top priority is giving our candidate members the chance to develop their research, writing, and leadership skills and to achieve everything they are capable of. For over a decade, our journal has fostered a culture of intellectual curiosity and collaboration. I hope that you will join us in upholding that tradition, and contribute to the critically important, rapidly-developing world of national security law.

Best of luck,

Alex Buttram  
*Editor-in-Chief*