

THE READOUT

NSLJ'S ANNUAL YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTER



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NSLJ is open for submissions for Volume 11, Issues 1 and 2

Manuscripts can be submitted through Scholastica or submission@nslj.org

Message From the Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

Dear Alumni:

As NSLJ's 2022-2023 Editorial Board departs, we are excited to continue the tradition instituted by the 2021-2022 Editorial Board with the second edition of "The Readout" NSLJ's year in review newsletter. The 2022-2023 Editorial Board is pleased to share that we brought symposia back to campus for the first time since pre-COVID times. In addition to organizing and co-hosting two symposia, we published two issues (Volume 10, Issue 2 will be published in May). We would also like to welcome and introduce NSLJ'S 2023-2024 Editorial Board! We are confident that this select group of bright and dedicated individuals will further the mission of NSLJ and continue to grow NSLJ's reputation on campus and abroad.

Cassandra Hanlon

Editor-in-Chief, 2022-2023

Please join us in congratulating our new Editorial Board:

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW JOURNAL 2023 – 2024 EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor-in-Chief
Alex Buttram

Executive EditorNikolai Karavodin

Managing Editor
Gabriella Hensinger

Senior Articles Editor
Riley Fritz
Senior Notes Editor
Marci Rizzo
Senior Research Editor
Alec Menzies

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Alex Buttram EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Alex graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a dual-major B.A. in Political Science and Communication in 2017. Before law school, Alex worked in commercial real estate brokerage and on political campaigns in his home state of Missouri. He has interned for the Missouri State Public Defender System and for Curcio Law. This summer, he will clerk for the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency in Quantico, Virginia.

Nikolai Karavodin EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Nikolai graduated with a B.A. in History from the University of California, Berkeley. He has served as a clerk on the Balkans and Caucasus team at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program, as an extern in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, and as an intern in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. Nikolai plans to complete his J.D. concentration in national security law and policy.

Gabriella Hensinger MANAGING EDITOR

Gabriella graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. in Global Affairs and a B.A. in Conflict Analysis & Resolution, with concentrations in Human Security and Global Engagement. Previously, Gabriella has interned on Capitol Hill, at the U.S. Department of State, and at the National Security Institute. She is currently a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Alec Menzies SENIOR RESEARCH EDITOR

Alec earned his M.A. and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado. He previously interned at the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Alec also serves as the Vice President of Communications for the Mason Intelligence and National Security Law Association. His legal interests include intelligence, cybersecurity, and national security.

Hilary Boerger RESEARCH EDITOR

Hilary graduated with a B.A. in History from Thomas Edison State University, and worked as a paralegal for three years prior to law school. While at Scalia Law, Hilary has interned for The Honorable Lawrence VanDyke on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and for the United States Coast Guard.

Riley Fritz SENIOR ARTICLES EDITOR

Riley graduated from the University of South Dakota with a B.A. in Philosophy and Communication Studies. She has interned with the in-house counsel of a digital marketing agency, and has a strong interest in a career in national security law.

Brittany Havens ARTICLES EDITOR

Brittany graduated from West Virginia University in 2012, with a B.A. in Criminology and a minor in Communications. Brittany is a third-year evening student at Scalia Law, where she is a Student Bar Association Representative and a Mason Mentor for incoming 1L and 1E students. Brittany currently works for the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Marci Rizzo SENIOR NOTES EDITOR

Marci graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a B.S. in Biology, minoring in Theology. Prior to attending law school, she was a Medical Technologist and Policy Analyst for the District of Columbia Department of Forensic Sciences. Her interest in national security arose from the intersection between science and threats to national security – namely, biochemical weapons. Marci will work for a personal injury firm this summer, and plans to pursue a career in either biochemical products I.P. or medical malpractice.

Steven LaRussa Notes editor

Steven graduated from Hofstra University with a degree in Public Policy & Public Service. This summer, he will be returning home to work for the Queens District Attorney's Office. Steven is also the President of the Criminal Law Society and a member of the Moot Court Board.

This year's symposia!

In September 2022, NSLJ, the International Law Journal, and National Security Institute hosted their fall symposium focused on the fallout and repercussions of the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Speakers included Major Mika'il A. Ali, Ambassador Andrew Bremberg, Chad Crowell, Professor Darren Dick, Professor Ilya Somin, and Dan Wagner, Jon P. Yormick. Professor Jeremy Rabkin joined as a moderator.

In March 2023, NSLJ joined forces with the Journal of Law and Economic Policy, hosting a spring symposium on the topic of digital currency. Alexandra Gaiser gave the introductory remarks. Laura Fraedrich, Andrew D. Kasnevich, and Professor J.W. Verret made up a panel, which discussed economic and privacy impacts of digital currency. The panel was followed by a discussion between Bryan Mulcahey and Courtney Fisher regarding digital currency's impact on cyber corporate governance. To view a recording of the spring symposium, please visit the 2023 Events page on our website, NSLJ.org.



NSLJ Partnerships 2022 & 2023

Volume 10, Issue 1 WINTER 2023

- Philip Land, Katie Busbee & Ashley Long, FDI Oversight: Dawn of a New Era?
- Annette Yospe, The Classified Information Procedure Act: Effects on the Entrapment Defense at the Expense of Defendants
- M. Erica Crouse, Critical "Loupe" Holes: Conflict Diamonds and Security Threats Arising from Weaknesses in the Kimberley Process
- Megan Huppee, Executive Privilege and Inspectors General—The Middle-Men

Volume 10, Issue 2 SPRING 2023

- David S. Jonas and Bryn McWhorter, Presidential Nuclear Launch Authority: More Cooks in the Kitchen
- Michael Castrovilla, The Inherently Political Nature of the Foreign Agents Registration Act: A
 Statute in Need of Improvement
- Christine Marsden, Age-Verification Laws in the Era of Digital Privacy
- Hilary Boerger, Captive to Negligence: Reforming the Feres Doctrine

Thank you all for your time and commitment over the past 11 years! Without you, we could not say:

NSLJ published its 10th volume!

Please join us in congratulating our full members:

Parker Bowman
Margaret Cochrane
Landon DeKay
John Donnell
McCall Holland
Christine Marsden
Jonathon Mendoza

Cesar Muir
Amanda Nhek
Lizelle Saah
Annah Seaford
Zachary Schultz
Chandler Sensibaugh
Mary Stuart

Anticipated Member Publications

We are pleased with the quality of submissions that NSLJ received from the 2022 candidate members. NSLJ is happy to announce we selected eight student-written Comments for publication.

- Hilary Boerger, Captive to Negligence: Reforming the Feres Doctrine
- Alex Buttram, Neglect and Radicalization: The Humanitarian and Public Safety Case for Reinvigorating Involuntary Civil Commitment in the United States
- Landon DeKay, The Invisible Threat: How Increasing Mental Illness Rates Among America's Youth Population is a National Security Crisis
- Brittany Havens, The DPA: Does the President Have Authority?
- Christine Marsden, Age-Verification Laws in the Era of Digital Privacy
- Alec Menzies, Statutory Vaccine: Strengthening 18 U.S.C 175 Through Selective Subdivision and Modification
- Amanda Nhek, Sentencing of January 6th Defendants Further Exposes Inadequate Legal Structure of Section 3A 1.4 of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines
- Annah Seaford, Whistle While You (Re)Work It: Congress's Duty to Amend the Espionage Act of 1917

Alumni Contact Information Form



Pictured to the right are the 2023-2024 Editorial Board and visiting alumni. Alumni Dilan Wickrema, Jessica Eddy, Anna Miller, and Caelyn Palmer, along with LJM Professor, Alex Yesnik, spent a morning sharing their experiences with the incoming Editorial Board. If you would like to take part in opportunities like this, please updated your contact information!

Please keep in touch!





