

STUDENT NOTE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

JOLT Student Note Submission

To submit, please send the following two documents to joltstudentnotesv40@gmail.com. Your email subject line should read “JOLT STUDENT NOTE SUBMISSION”.

1) Your completed Student Note Application (the subsequent pages of this document), titled LastName_FirstName_v40.1_NoteApplication.

Ex: Doe_Jane_v40.1_NoteApplication.docx

2) The most complete draft of your proposed note, in Microsoft Word format, titled Title_v40.1_NoteDraft. Because our review process is blind, **your name, school, and any other identifying information should not appear anywhere on your draft.**

Ex: Super_Awesome_Student_Note_v40.1_NoteDraft.docx

The deadline for submissions is **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Thursday, July 9, 2026.**

THANK YOU! Your interest in publishing with us is an honor to the JOLT community, and your time spent completing this application is deeply appreciated. Please contact joltstudentnotesv40@gmail.com with any questions.

STUDENT NOTE SUBMISSION APPLICATION

Author Information

Name:

Law School:

Graduation Year and Degree (e.g., JD 2027):

Phone:

Email:

Please list any other print publication credits you have, whether in JOLT or another law journal:

Note Information

Abstract of your note:

200-300 words

Please break down the structure of the proposed piece to offer an “annotated” outline.

Ex: “In Part I, I will introduce X ... Part II takes a closer look at X with regard to Y.” A bulleted list with one paragraph per Part is much appreciated!

Purpose/audience:

Please explain the impact that you hope this publication will have.

Background Knowledge

Please briefly explain why your background gives you sufficient familiarity with the relevant field to discuss the technical and legal issues raised by your topic:

Is a faculty member advising you on this piece? If so, who?

Anything else you’d like us to know about the substance of your note?

Preemption & Incorporation

JOLT publishes work that says something new and engages with other scholarship. Please provide citations to the most relevant sources that ALREADY deal with your topic (as a preemption check) and explain:

- a) where you found the source (ie, “Westlaw JLR database,” “Google Scholar,” “HeinOnline”)*
- b) how you incorporate the prior work into your own research*
- c) the originality of your proposed paper, such as by distinguishing it from these other papers, notes, or blog posts:*

Sample citation:

Westlaw: adv: (clear /3 channel) and (terrestrial)

14 results (in last 3 years)

Peter Dicola, Matthew Sag, An Information-Gathering Approach to Copyright Policy, 34 Cardozo L. Rev. 173, 179 (2012) – [summary of similarities/differences and how you do or do not address this in your work]

THE QUALITY OF YOUR PREEMPTION CHECK AND HOW WELL YOU DOCUMENT IT HERE IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER YOU WILL BE SELECTED. PLEASE BE THOROUGH!

Submission Information

Are you submitting your piece for consideration for an award or other publication at the same time?

We need to know if there is ANY chance you will be selected as an author and then not be able to publish your piece with JOLT.

JOLT Digest & Other Student Writing Opportunities

JOLT is privileged to receive more high-quality student proposals than the print edition has room to publish. It also frequently happens that an already accepted Article may mean that your proposal does not fit topically (so, in a hypothetical scenario, we may already have three patent pieces and yours, while brilliant, is just one too many). If, for whatever reason, your note is not accepted, we still want to see you published. Toward that end, please answer the below—and rest assured that none of your answers will impact your proposal’s consideration for the print journal.

Are you interested in learning about outside student writing opportunities?

Are you interested in submitting to JOLT Digest? Specifically, if this proposal is not accepted, would you like it to be forwarded to the Digest Submissions Editor?

A word about Digest pieces: they are accessible to Digest’s online readers, many of whom are not familiar with particular areas of science and technology law. Digest Comments are also shorter works, with a 3000-word limit.

If you answered “yes” to the above, how will your article appeal to Digest's audiences and how would you modify your proposal to comply with Digest's word limit and deadlines?