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SCHOOL OF LAW

Dear Incoming First Year Law Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of South Carolina School of Law. As you begin law school, you will receive information on the many extracurricular opportunities that are available to you to make the most out of your law school experience. Participating on a journal is one of the most valuable and rewarding experiences a law student can have, and the benefits you will receive in return for your service will remain with you throughout your legal career. The University of South Carolina School of Law has four journals that focus on a variety of different areas in the law through their publications and symposia.

The *Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal* is a peer review law journal published by the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law and is the premier scholarly publication in the property and probate fields. It is the second largest law review in the country in terms of numbers of subscribers. The *Journal* seeks to provide the highest quality scholarly publication covering topics of interest for practitioners and academicians in the areas of real property, probate, estate planning, and trust law.

The *South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business* seeks to educate and create a forum for discussion of issues relevant to international law and business. The *Journal* realizes these purposes by producing scholarly publications and hosting symposia that address issues relevant to the practice of international law.

The *South Carolina Law Review* is South Carolina's principal legal publication and is the oldest legal publication in the state, founded in 1937. The *Law Review* is included in the top five percent of the most frequently cited legal journals in the country. The two primary purposes of the *Law Review* are to publish an authoritative legal journal chronicling significant legal developments and to provide members with practical experience in legal writing and analysis.

The *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal* is unique in that it is one of the few environmental law journals in the Southeast. The goal of *SELJ* is to provide the legal community with a balanced presentation of environmental topics and an illustration of the pervasiveness of environmental law in all areas of practice. The *SELJ* publishes articles on a broad range of environmental topics, such as resource use and regulation, environmental policy, science and technology control, law and economics, and other topics relating to law and the environment.

Membership on a journal is determined through participation in the Joint Journal Writing Competition during your first year of law school. The Competition takes place in the spring and includes writing a legal memorandum, as well as a citation exercise. We hope you will participate in the Joint Journal Writing Competition in the spring, and we wish you the best of luck as you begin law school.

Sincerely,

Lucie Cohen, Editor in Chief, *Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal*
Erin Bailey, Editor in Chief, *South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business*
Carmen Thomas, Editor in Chief, *South Carolina Law Review*
Julie Murphy, Editor in Chief, *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal*