



[HLR-editors] Upcoming HLS Event: Censorship at Harvard Law Review

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To: HLR_Editors

Dear Editors:

I learned that tomorrow there will be a panel on “*Censorship at Harvard Law Review*,” in which two current and former *HLR* editors plan to participate.

I want to acknowledge and reiterate that editors retain the autonomy to discuss their personal experiences on the *Review*, and that for some, there remains dissatisfaction with *HLR*'s editorial decisions and subsequent actions. Additionally, in light of the many conversations we have had as a body during (and even before) Transition, I wanted to remind all editors about *HLR*'s guidelines and policies.

1) *Greenbook*

The *Greenbook* provides *HLR*'s policy regarding public statements. It reads:

“No editor may purport to represent to the press an official policy or statement of the Law Review. Members of the Law Review whom the press approach in regard to the Law Review or who become aware of press statements concerning the Law Review must notify the President immediately. This policy does not in any way limit the right of members to express personal opinions. If you have any questions about this policy, please ask the President.”

2) *GOV.07 Prioritizing Confidentiality*

Over Transition, we adopted a confidentiality resolution making explicit our prior presumptions against discussing internal matters — such as our Article IV meeting last November. This resolution is binding on all members and states the following:

“The Review seeks to ensure that editors can speak freely and honestly with their colleagues when conducting the work of the Review. Any statements made or incidents that occurred as part of internal matters of the Review are presumed to be confidential. Internal matters include formal and informal deliberations amongst editors and include, but are not limited to, disciplinary proceedings, O-Reads, C-Reads, Article IV meetings, Foreword Selection, Transition, and Election. Confidential matters should not be discussed with anyone who is not a member of the Review. If you have any questions about this policy, please ask the President.”

Lastly, as always, Appendix D of the *Greenbook* remains in effect for all. If you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out.

My best,
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