

Personal Diversity Statement Prompt

The Georgetown Law Journal deeply values diversity in both its membership and scholarship. During Write On, the *Journal* strongly encourages students to include a Personal Diversity Statement in their Write On submission and to rank *The Georgetown Law Journal* first. The *Journal* expects to extend up to 25% of membership offers in 2016 to students who submit outstanding Personal Diversity Statements who have reached a certain threshold score on their Write On submission. **As a reminder, students must rank the *Journal* first to receive consideration.**

A Personal Diversity Statement should explicitly identify and discuss how your identity, background, culture, life or work experiences, and perspectives would contribute to the diversity of the *Journal*. If applicable, you may also describe any adversity that you have overcome, including discrimination, micro-aggressions, linguistic barriers, or a personal or family history of educational or socioeconomic disadvantage. Most importantly, please illustrate how any of these relevant factors affect the way you think about the legal profession, law school, and legal ideology and the ways you can uniquely contribute to the work and community of *GLJ*.

For example, some past Personal Diversity Statements have discussed how an applicant's perspectives on legal scholarship and academia, or his or her decision to pursue a legal career, have been influenced by (ordered alphabetically):

- Age
- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Familial Status
- Gender Identity/Expression
- Military Status
- National Origin
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation
- Socioeconomic Status
- Work Experience

Personal Diversity Statements should be double-spaced and should not exceed 750 words. Please include your Write-On packet number, but **not your name**, on your Personal Diversity Statement, and submit it along with your case comment to the Office of Journal Administration. If you have any questions about the Personal Diversity Statement, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Journal Administration at writeon@law.georgetown.edu.