Students currently enrolled in the LLB program within the TC Beirne School of Law who have successfully completed the LAWS5154/LAWS3705 Public International Law course are invited to apply to be appointed as student editors of the Australian International Law Journal (AILJ). Upon successful completion of their editorial roles, the five students who are selected as editors will receive academic credit (pass/fail academic credit is available through the course LAWS5181 Law Journals in second semester).

LAWS5181 Law Journals provides a valuable opportunity for a committee of five students to be involved, under academic supervision and guidance, as researchers, writers and editors, in the publication of the AILJ. The student editors also have the possibility of having a case note or book review published in the AILJ.

The AILJ is published by the Australian Branch of the International Law Association (ILA). The AILJ offers established and developing scholars the opportunity to publish high quality refereed scholarship on topics of public and private international law. The ILA is a global organisation which plays a pre-eminent role in the progressive development of international law. From a modest beginning in 1983 as Australian International Law News, the AILJ has become a peer-reviewed law journal of international standing. It has been edited by distinguished international legal academics and practitioners based predominantly in Sydney. In 2018, the editorship of the AILJ moved to the TC Beirne School of Law, under the banner of the Centre of Public, International and Comparative Law. The AILJ is now edited by an academic Editor in Chief and an editorial committee that includes five LLB students. In US law schools, the editorship of law journals has, for decades, been conducted exclusively by outstanding law students. There has been a similar trend among leading law schools in Australia, with the Sydney Law Review, the Melbourne University Law Review and the Melbourne Journal of International Law all now having student editorial committees.

The AILJ will normally be published as a single issue per year. The course LAWS5181 will be offered in second semester each year. Unlike studies in other LLB courses, the project work required for editing the AILJ is sporadic. Most work will be undertaken in the semester of enrolment, but some editing may have to be undertaken during the end of year break. There is no formal class contact. The workload, however, will be roughly equivalent to that required for any other 2 unit course.

Students who have an excellent GPA in the LLB program, who have successfully completed the LAWS5154/LAWS3705 Public International Law course, and who are particularly interested in developing their research and editorial skills, are encouraged to apply. Students who have also successfully completed the LAWS5153 Private International Law course are also encouraged to apply.

To allow for a more informed decision on whether to apply, prospective applicants are encouraged to read the attached background information. The course profile for LAWS5181 should also be consulted. If you wish to take part in this worthwhile activity, please complete the attached Application Form and return it by email to Professor Anthony Cassimatis (a.cassimatis@law.uq.edu.au) by Friday 29 May 2020. Applicants will be advised whether or not they have been accepted into the AILJ Editorial Committee by email as soon as possible thereafter.

Anthony Cassimatis
Editor in Chief, AILJ
LAWS5181 – Australian International Law Journal – Background Information

1. Editorial Organisation

The Editor in Chief of the Australian International Law Journal (AILJ), together with the five\(^1\) students making up the AILJ Editorial Committee, will be responsible for editing and producing the AILJ.

The Editor in Chief and the AILJ Editorial Committee will issue mid-year a call for academic contributions to the AILJ. Once academic submissions have been received, potential referees will be identified by the Editor in Chief. These potential referees will then be invited by the General Editors to assess the suitability of academic articles submitted to the AILJ for publication.

The Editorial Board of the AILJ offers oversight and support to the Editor in Chief and the AILJ Editorial Committee. Members of the Editorial Board may also serve as referees.

2. The Editor in Chief

The Editor in Chief is a member of the academic staff of the TC Beirne School of Law, currently Professor Anthony Cassimatis. The responsibilities of the Editor in Chief are to:

- Advise the Head of School on the appointment of the AILJ Editorial Committee;
- Provide academic supervision of the members of the AILJ Editorial Committee and to be available for consultation and advice;
- Decide who is to referee articles submitted for publication to the AILJ, and to advise the General Editors accordingly;
- Decide whether articles, case notes and book reviews are to be accepted for publication, or rejected;
- Approve the cases and books to be noted or reviewed by AILJ Editorial Committee members;
- Provide assistance to AILJ Editorial Committee members on how to improve draft notes and reviews in order to improve the likelihood of acceptance for publication; and
- Assess AILJ Editorial Committee members on a pass/fail basis in the LAWS5181 Law Journals course.

The Editor in Chief will serve as course coordinator of LAWS5181 Law Journals.

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\(^1\) There is scope for the committee to expand in size where the number of submissions require. In the past this has involved suitably qualified Law School graduates joining the committee.
3. The AILJ Editorial Committee

(a) Selection

Each year, the Editor in Chief will invite students to apply to be student editors of the AILJ on the basis of the following:

(i) Expressions of interest;
(ii) GPA in law and international law related courses;
(iii) Result achieved in LAWS5154/LAWS3705 Public International Law or equivalent course;
(iv) Demonstrated ability in writing, research and editing; and
(v) Demonstrated interest in publishing.

If a student has also successfully completed LAWS5153 Private International Law then this will also be taken into consideration. Applying these criteria, the Editor in Chief will select five students to serve as the AILJ Editorial Committee for second semester, and will then recommend to the Head of School to permit them to enrol in LAWS5181 Law Journals.

(b) Organisation

The student editors will be members of the AILJ Editorial Committee. The Editor in Chief and the members of the AILJ Editorial Committee will ordinarily meet in week 1 of second semester (in all likelihood using Zoom) to agree on the appointment of each of the student editors to one of the following positions:

- General Editors (3);
- Book Review Editor (1); and
- One Case Note Editor (1).

Subsequent meetings will be held as and when required.

(c) Resources

AILJ Editorial Committee members will be expected to use their own laptop or desktop computers. AILJ Editorial Committee members will be given access to the relevant Dropbox folder(s) which will be established for the relevant issue(s) of the AILJ. Printing facilities will not be provided by the Law School.

(d) Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of members of the AILJ Editorial Committee is to work under the direction and guidance of the Editor in Chief. This will largely entail responsibilities in three broad categories: (i) research and writing; (ii) general editing responsibilities; and (iii) individual editing responsibilities.

(i) Research and Writing

Each student editor shall be required to:
- Write and submit for potential publication in the AILJ a note on a recent judicial or arbitral decision involving issues of public or private international law that has implications beyond the decision in the case itself; or
- Write and submit for potential publication in the AILJ a review of a recently published international legal book.

2 It has been necessary in some years for all members of the AILJ Editorial Committee to take on general editorship roles when a large number of general submissions have been received by the AILJ.
The cases and the books must be approved by the Editor in Chief before the case notes and book reviews are written. The case notes and the book reviews should each be 1500-2000 words.

The case note or book review will count towards the pass/fail grade for LAWS5181 Law Journals. These are also to be directed towards and submitted for publication in the AILJ. The decision as to publication rests with the Editor in Chief and publication is not guaranteed. However, to improve the likelihood that the work will be published in the AILJ, student editors are encouraged to submit drafts of the notes or reviews to the Editor in Chief for comment and advice on how to improve the work.

(ii) General Editing Responsibilities

These are threefold, involving reports, editing and final proofing.

- **Reports** - Each student editor shall be required to write a report of approximately 500 words on a maximum of three (3) articles submitted for publication in the AILJ, depending on the number of submissions in the relevant year.
- **Editing** - Each student editor shall be responsible for the editing of a maximum of three (3) articles accepted for publication by the Editor in Chief, depending again on the number accepted in the relevant year. The editing involves the formatting of the article, proof-reading, checking all quotations and references for accuracy, and advising where necessary regarding changes to substance or style.
- **Final proofing** - For each article that a student editor has edited, he or she shall also be required to check the final proofs provided by the printer of the AILJ for accuracy, and to advise where corrections are necessary.

(iii) Individual Editing Responsibilities

The General Editors are responsible for the administration of the review process of papers submitted for publication as articles. This responsibility includes liaising with the Editor in Chief in relation to the selection of referees, providing the Editor in Chief with student editors’ reports, requesting assessment of articles from referees, and reminding referees to provide reports when there is delay. The General Editors are also responsible for the final formatting of all articles accepted for publication, to have them ready for transmission to the printer of the AILJ by a specified date in November (as determined by the Editor in Chief), and to check proofs produced by the printer for accuracy (including through the distribution of proofs to authors for final checking), and to advise where corrections are necessary.

The Book Review Editor is responsible for the final formatting of all book reviews accepted for publication, to have them ready for transmission to the printer of the AILJ by a specified date in November (as determined by the Editor in Chief), and to check proofs produced by the printer for accuracy (including through the distribution of proofs to authors for final checking), and to advise where corrections are necessary.

The Case Note Editor is responsible for the final formatting of all case notes accepted for publication, to have the case notes ready for transmission to the printer of the AILJ by a specified date in November (as determined by the Editor in Chief), and to check proofs produced by the printer for accuracy (including through the distribution of proofs to authors for final checking), and to advise where corrections are necessary.
3. Assessment

Pass/fail grades will be awarded based on performance in four areas:
(a) General editing;
(b) Fulfilment of responsibilities as a General Editor, the Book Review Editor or the Case Note Editor;
(c) Quality of the final submitted version (not drafts) of case note or book review; and
(d) Quality of reports.

LAWS5181 Law Journals will be graded on a Pass (‘P’) or Fail (‘F’) basis. It will be necessary to obtain a ‘P’ for each and every area of assessment before a ‘P’ will be awarded in the course as a whole.
Application Form – LAWS5181 - Student Editorship - Australian International Law Journal

Name: __________________________________________________

Student Number: __________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

The following information will enable the Editor in Chief to decide whether a student is to be offered a place in LAWS5181 Law Journals. Not all matters listed may be relevant to the decision, as it is important that the AILJ Editorial Committee comprises student editors who possess a range of different skills.

1. Other Degree(s) (if any) and Institution(s)

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2. LLB Courses and Results

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3. Grade Point Average in LLB ________________

4. If accepted into the AILJ Editorial Committee, which of the following roles would you prefer? Please list your preferences from ‘1’ to ‘3’.

   General Editor (three positions) ________ Book Review Editor (one position) ________
   Case Note Editor (one position) ________

5. If there is any other information you consider relevant to the Editor in Chief’s decision on your application, please attach an appropriate statement of no more than one A4 page.

Please check that you have addressed all of questions 1 to 5 that are applicable to you.

The application should be emailed to:

Professor Anthony Cassimatis AM
a.cassimatis@law.uq.edu.au
TC Beirne School of Law
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Your application should be emailed to Professor Cassimatis by midnight on Friday 29 May 2020.