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Dear Member of the Class of 2012,

Welcome to Queen's Law. You will be facing many new challenges in the year ahead, as well as a host of opportunities. One opportunity we hope that you will explore is the chance to work as a volunteer editor at the *Queen's Law Journal*. This is not only a great way to get to know your fellow students, but it is also a chance to get the hands-on legal research skills that will help you succeed in law school and in future practice.

The *Queen's Law Journal* is a fully-refereed review that publishes innovative articles on Canadian law by the country's top academics and practitioners. The *Journal* is a respected academic reference that reaches an international audience, both through its worldwide subscriptions and through the major online legal search engines.

Like many law reviews and journals, the *Queen's Law Journal* is run by students. First-year students are invited to work as volunteer editors. As a volunteer editor, you will work closely with upper-year students, helping to ensure the accuracy of the *Journal* through citation checking and proofreading. You will also have the opportunity to participate in other aspects of the publication process, by reviewing submissions to the *Journal* or providing us with your ideas for paper topics. Along the way, you will gain a detailed knowledge of the law library, the legal search engines and the Canadian standards for citing legal references. All of these are must-have skills for law school success.

If you are interested in working as a volunteer editor, please attend an information meeting that we will be hosting in early September. We are planning to hold the information session after the Scavenger Hunt on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 002 Macdonald Hall. Details of this event will be confirmed by a message to the listserv. You may also contact the *Journal* office directly by phone or email.

On behalf of the editorial team, we wish you the best of success in the year ahead, and we look forward to meeting you in September!

Sincerely,

Brian Kolenda  
Editor-in-Chief