

Law Review Submissions

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This project aims to facilitate author submissions to law reviews while also discouraging the wasteful practice of simultaneous submissions to multiple law reviews. A technological platform will be in place by Spring 2009 allowing an author to upload a new article and to designate journals to which that article should be transmitted. The service will then act in a similar fashion to OCLC's interlibrary loan module by transmitting offers in sequence to each selected journal. On rejection of the article by a journal (or failure to accept the author's offer within 10 days) the exclusive offer to publish will automatically be moved along to the next journal. The advantages are a simple, cost-free, process for authors, and a guaranteed, though limited time, exclusive offer for each law review that receives the article.

A Search Engine for Law-Related Public Domain Electronic Books

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This project will result in a search engine for the full text and metadata of at least 1000 law-related public domain electronic books that are currently scattered across several websites in several file types. In the development of this search engine, various combinations of web crawlers, indexers, and search tools will be tested. The final report on the project will describe the testing process and the operation of the search engine, as well as legal, technical, and bibliographic issues considered during the project. The search engine will be integrated into the Western State University library website, so that library patrons and other researchers can search the e-book database and gain access to relevant e-books.