

The Editorial Board of the *American Business Law Journal* invites submissions to the sixteenth annual *ABLJ* Invited Scholars Colloquium, which will take place during the ALSB Centennial Conference in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

The goal of the Colloquium is to help develop our members develop scholarly articles in aid of their career development. Invited participants commit to present a scholarly paper for extended discussion and analysis. Members of the *ABLJ* Board and other distinguished authors from the ALSB membership will serve as discussants. To ensure honest and open communication, the Colloquium is open only to invited presenters and discussants.

The Invited Scholars Colloquium has been valuable to many members, many of whom have gone on to publish their final manuscripts in the *ABLJ* or other top journals. To describe the value of the Colloquium, consider this from Ruth Jebe, Associate Professor and Hansberger Endowed Chair in Business Ethics at Boise State University, who participated in 2018:

*The comments and advice from the ABLJ board members and Colloquium discussants focused specifically on what ABLJ looks for in articles and what it takes to get an article accepted by the ABLJ. That feedback helped me identify specifically what I needed to work on to improve my chances of an acceptance and guided how I approached revisions to the work. The Colloquium panel's feedback helped me secure an ABLJ acceptance of my article shortly after the Colloquium. In addition, sitting in the Colloquium session and listening to top scholars discuss scholarship raised the bar on my scholarship overall and continues to pay dividends. Throughout the process, the Colloquium discussants were supportive and encouraging about the potential they saw in my paper. I cannot thank the ABLJ enough for the opportunity to learn from the great scholars that are part of the Colloquium!*

Each paper presented in August should be in a polished draft form and should be intended for publication in the *ABLJ* or another law review or journal, *but not yet submitted or accepted for publication at the time of the Colloquium*. Papers that have been presented at regional conferences, at other ALSB meetings, or that the participant plans to present in sessions at the 2024 ALSB conference are welcome.

Authors may apply to participate in the Colloquium by submitting a:

- cover letter
- abstract of the paper
- current CV

to Susan Park, Advisory Editor-in-Chief of the *ABLJ*, at [spark@boisestate.edu](mailto:spark@boisestate.edu) by **Friday, April 1, 2024**.

Cover letters should identify the particular benefits the author believes they will accrue from selection for and participation in the Colloquium, in addition to other relevant information. Abstracts should be **one-page, single-spaced** and describe the paper, including its thesis, contribution, and approach. Submissions will be judged on the basis of: (1) contribution to the relevant literature; (2) topicality and relation to the field of business law; (3) potential benefit of the Colloquium to the work and the author; and (4) suitability for future publication in the *ABLJ* or other top-tier law journal. In addition, an author's junior status will be positively considered.

Based on a review of the submitted materials, the *ABLJ* Board will select up to four papers for presentation. Authors will be notified of their selection no later than May 3, 2024. Complete papers in polished draft form must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Participants agree to acknowledge the *ABLJ* Invited Scholars Colloquium in a footnote when the article is published.

Colloquium participants who also plan to present the Colloquium paper in a regular breakout session at the ALSB conference must follow the conference submission procedures in addition to submitting their abstract as requested here. Submission of an abstract to participate in the Colloquium does not substitute for conference registration. Colloquium participants may also submit the paper for Holmes-Cardozo consideration, conference proceedings, and other ALSB awards, and must follow the appropriate submission process for each of those, as applicable.

Co-authored papers are welcome; however, only one of the coauthors will attend the Colloquium. Submissions that are co-authored should include the names, affiliations, and CVs of each co-author and indicate the co-author who will attend the Colloquium if the paper is selected.

The Colloquium will be held in person, and we will also consider possible remote participation. The Journal will host a dinner for all participants following the Colloquium on Saturday evening, August 10.

The *ABLJ* is always interested in hearing from distinguished scholars who are interested in serving as Discussants for the Colloquium. If you are interested, please contact Susan Park at [spark@boisestate.edu](mailto:spark@boisestate.edu).