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Journal of Civil Law Studies: Moving On

A Peer-Reviewed and Student-Edited Journal

In 2008, the Center of Civil Law Studies of the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (CCLS) started publishing the Journal of Civil Law Studies (JCLS). Volume 1 of the JCLS appeared in 2008. Two volumes have been added in 2009 and 2010.

The JCLS is peer-reviewed. The Advisory Board is composed of distinguished civilians and comparatists from all over the world. Olivier Moréteau serves as Editor-in-Chief, assisted by Agustín Parise (presently a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Germany), Executive Editor. Two Book Review Editors recently joined the team: Philipp Gragg (Interim Associate Director for Public Services, and Reference and Faculty Services Librarian, LSU Law Center) and Heather E. Casey (Reference and Research Services Librarian, University of Richmond School of Law). Jennifer Lane serves as the Production Manager.

Accepted publications are edited by student editors (Junior and Senior Graduate Editors). Their editorial work is reviewed and finalized by Andrew Yeates, Managing Editor, who also coordinates the team. Micah Fincher, who serves as the Issue Editor, conducts the final formatting of each article and the entire issue.

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Moving to Three Issues a Year

Starting in 2011, each volume will be divided into several issues. Volume 4 (2011), Issue 1 (due in April) will feature six articles including “Is the pre-20th century American legal system a common law system?” by Jacques Vanderlinden and “Juridical Personality and Intimacy” by Michael McAuley.

Issue 2 will feature papers presented at the Juris Diversitas conference on “Legal Diversity in the Mediterranean,” organized in Malta in June 2010, in cooperation with the University of Malta.

Issue 3 will feature a selection of articles including “A Comparative Survey on Finance: the Need to Bridge the Western and Islamic Legal Systems” by Andrea Borroni and Matteo Dragoni. It will inaugurate a new Student Section publishing Essays or Comments by LSU J.D./D.C.L. and LL.M. Students.

Future Developments

Volume 5 (2012) will inaugurate two additional sections:
- Civil Law in Louisiana, featuring recent developments in the civil law of Louisiana;
- Civil Law in the World, focusing on recent developments in civil law jurisdictions around the world.

With three issues a year and a significant student involvement, the JCLS is becoming an important component of the LSU Law Center experience. The LSU Law Center is now running two law reviews.

Volumes 1, 2, and 3 of the JCLS are freely accessible online, at www.law.lsu.edu/jcls.

Publications in 2010

- Professor Olivier Moréteau (Russell Long Chair, Director of the CCLS)


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