Call For Papers

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Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots) seeks short reviews of (very) recent scholarship related to the law that the reviewer likes and thinks deserves a wide audience. The ideal Jotwell review will not merely celebrate scholarly achievement, but situate it in the context of other scholarship in a manner that explains to both specialists and non-specialists why the work is important.

Although gentle critique is welcome, reviewers should choose the subjects they write about with an eye toward identifying and celebrating work that makes an original contribution, and that will be of interest to others. First-time contributors may wish to consult the Jotwell Mission Statement for more information about what Jotwell seeks, and what it seeks to achieve.

Reviews need not be written in a particularly formal manner. Contributors should feel free to write in a manner that will be understandable to scholars, practitioners, and even non-lawyers.

Ordinarily, a Jotwell contribution will

- be between 500-1000 words;
- focus on one work, ideally a recent article, but a discussion of a recent book is also welcome;
- begin with a hyperlink to the original work — in order to make the conversation as inclusive as possible, there is a strong preference for reviews to focus on scholarly works that can be found online without using a subscription service such as Westlaw or Lexis. That said, reviews of articles that are not freely available online, and also of very recent books, are also welcome.

Currently, Jotwell particularly seeks contributions relating to:

- Administrative Law
- Constitutional Law
- Courts Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Cyberlaw
- Equality
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Jurisprudence
- Legal History
- Legal Profession
- Tax Law
- Torts
- Trusts & Estates
- Worklaw

We also have a Classics section, limited to reviews of works more than 50 years old. We intend to add more sections in the coming month

References

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- Please keep citations to a minimum.
- Please include a hyperlink, if possible, to any works referenced.
- Textual citations are preferred. Endnotes, with hyperlinks, are allowed if your HTML skills extend that far.
- Authors are welcome to follow *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (19th ed. 2010), or the *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style (2d Ed.)* or indeed to adopt any other citation form which makes it easy to find the work cited.

Technical

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