

**THE MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW**  
**Book Review Proposals**

Thank you for your interest in writing a book review for the Michigan Law Review's annual Survey of Books. We believe that our reviewers perform a valuable service for the legal community, and we are very appreciative of your desire to contribute. Unfortunately, we cannot accept all of the excellent proposals that we receive. In order to assist us in making our selection, we respectfully request that you follow the guidelines outlined below when submitting a proposal. Decisions for the upcoming year's issue are generally made between March and May.

**FORM**

Manuscripts or proposals should be submitted by email to the Book Review Office at [michlrev.ed.br@umich.edu](mailto:michlrev.ed.br@umich.edu). Manuscripts are strongly favored. If you are unable to submit a manuscript, you must submit a short draft section (three to five pages) of the review with your proposal. Proposals should be one to two pages in length.

**CONTENT**

Please include the following information **about the book** or books you propose to review:

- Author, title, publisher, and publication date (for the 2011 Survey, the publication date must be from 2009, 2010, or 2011)
- A brief overview of the book's contents
- A brief description of the book's place within legal scholarship, or why you think a review of the book is important and timely

Please provide the following information **about the piece** you propose to write:

- A summary of the anticipated content or scope of the review, particularly the angle you plan to take in considering the book
- The stage you have reached in writing the review and the earliest date at which you could complete a draft; this information is helpful to us in planning our production schedule
- It is not necessary that you have completed writing the review, but we require at least a three to five page draft section of your piece. A draft introduction would provide us the best sense of your review but you may submit any draft section you choose.

Please supply the following information **about yourself** and your co-authors, if any:

- Whether you have published a book review with Michigan Law Review in the past
- A short list of recent or forthcoming publications
- Any information relevant to the book or proposed review, such as a relationship with the author or particular expertise
- Some authors choose to include a resume or curriculum vitae; this is not necessary, but should you choose to include any such additional information we would be happy to receive it

**RESPONSE**

We will do our best to provide you with a decision as soon as possible. Decisions for inclusion in the 2011 Survey of Books will begin in mid-March 2010.

Please note that we require finished drafts to be no more than 8,500 words, including footnotes. We believe that this is the ideal length for an interesting and useful book review. It will also assist us in making our survey of the many fascinating and important books related to the law that have been published in the past year as comprehensive as possible.

Although we are committed to doing everything in our power to bring a review to completion and press once a proposal has been accepted, the Michigan Law Review reserves the right to decline publication as necessary.