

**OUR STORY**  
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The *Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity* is an inclusive Journal that prides itself in publishing a variety of articles, essays, and even poems. The *Journal* is a creative space where there can be an exchange of ideas on an academic level.

The following essays were written by students reflecting on their first-year. The purpose of these essays is to provide a glimpse into each student's experience. The students who contributed essays come from all walks of life and all have different perspectives. These essays harmonize the voices of students so as to reveal the similarities in their experiences while highlighting the distinctions that made each student's journey personal.

Each essay provides a general overview of what the student thought law school would be like and compares it to events in his or her 1L year made it memorable, meaningful, and insightful. Given the diversity of the contributors, this symposium is an interesting read, as it showcases law school in a way that only a law students can.

We hope that these essays will not only provide entertainment, but will also provide prospective students with some insight and persuade them that while law school is not easy, it is worthwhile. More importantly, we want students to know that if you really want to study law and become a lawyer, there is a place for you here at Touro. These essays create are a starting point for a conversation and a friendly reminder that while law school is challenging it is equally rewarding.

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