

# Bepress-SSRN Pilot Project

What we've learned while starting up the Columbia Law repository, and how SSRN integration can help new collections grow on Digital Commons...



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# Process

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Faculty Member	DC Request Email Sent?	Response Received?	Articles Requested	Articles Approved	SSRN link	SSRN Quantity	SSRN -DC Request Sent?	SSRN Approved?
2	Barenberg, Mark		yes	5	5	<a href="https://ssrn.com/author=230225">https://ssrn.com/author=230225</a>	1	yes	yes
3	Bermann, George		yes	54	54	<a href="https://ssrn.com/author=109468">https://ssrn.com/author=109468</a>	3	yes	yes
4	Bhagwati, Jagdish			101 *		<a href="https://ssrn.com/author=239710">https://ssrn.com/author=239710</a>	7	wait	didnt contact
5	Blasi, Vincent	yes		25		-	0	no SSRN	n/a
6	Bobbitt, Philip	yes	yes	19	19	-	0	no SSRN	n/a
7	Bollinger, Lee *~			1		-	0	no	n/a
8	Bradford, Anu	yes	yes	4	4	<a href="https://ssrn.com/author=1051484">https://ssrn.com/author=1051484</a>	16	yes	yes

Reached out to 86 Faculty Members and almost 400 Law Reviews with Excel files to collect permissions and cross-check policies for targeted articles...

Law Review	Open Access?	RoMEO	RoMEO info	Contact	Email Sent	Response Received	Articles Requested	Articles Approved	Further Action Requested
Columbia Law Review	no	n/a			yes	yes	234	234	
Yale Law Journal	no	<a href="#">white</a>	12 month embargo		yes	yes	68	68	
Harvard Law Review	no	<a href="#">green</a>	specific titles are open access		yes	yes	63	63 with author permission	prof permission required
Virginia Law Review	no	n/a			yes	yes	54	54	include note: copyright is owned by the Virginia Law Review Association and the article is used by permission of the Virginia Law Review Association

# SSRN Process

**45** Authors  
participated

**10** expressed  
interest after our deadline

**Circled back and counted SSRN titles to reach out again to those with work on SSRN...**



**Saw an increase in downloads even though our site was not yet publicly launched!**

# Points to Improve

## 1. Metadata Standards

SSRN metadata entry fields permit naming inconsistencies that may confuse the author naming/ school naming conventions within the repository [controlled vocab]

Some capability for nesting progressive versions of a document, importing versioning info for display/clarity

## 2. Permissions Centralization

Can journals 'sign on' to a permissions policy through Digital Commons connections to schools?

Sherpa/RoMEO policies for law schools need to be updated !

Might Authors grant permission to send record to Digital Commons at point of upload to SSRN?

## 3. Aggregate Metrics