

THE DOCKET

Article Submission Guidelines

Editorial Process

The Docket assumes that every article submitted for publication will be edited with the author's full permission. The decision as to which articles will be published and when is at the discretion of The Docket. Feature articles focus on a law topic or attorney life. Articles will be reviewed and edited by members of the Editorial team.

Publication Standards

Content/Tone: The Docket articles are intended to entertain, inform and educate. Articles should be written in a practical, how-to manner rather than in a scholarly (law review) or case note style. Articles are meant to explain rather than advocate. Articles:

- must be objective and avoid expressing the author's personal views.
- may include: (1) statements of fact and analysis; (2) objective interpretation of the law, alternate interpretations of the law, alternatives to current law, and legal theories and strategies that can be used to best represent clients in the author's practice area; (3) professional opinions that are explicitly grounded on existing case or statutory law, public policy considerations, or other authoritative legal precedents.
- must not: (1) advocate in favor of changing the law; (2) include opinion that amounts to a judgment of the current state of the law; (3) include statements that other practitioners incorrectly interpret or misunderstand the law; or (4) self-promote or promote a product, service, or profit-making venture.

Writing about proposed legislation is discouraged because forthcoming laws are subject to change. Pending cases generally should not be the subject of articles until they have been decided through appeals.

Citations: Authors are responsible for the accuracy of all citations. Citations must be adequate to annotate the material and provide practical information for attorneys. All citations should be cited as endnotes.

Introduction and Conclusion: Every article should have (1) an introduction that includes a short paragraph providing an overview of what the article covers and (2) a conclusion that brings together the major points of the article.

Format and Length: Article length should be adequate to address the topic sufficiently. Articles are generally between 1,200 and 3,000 words, plus citations.

Submission Procedures

Please submit the following to the editor/Director of Communications and Marketing Tali Thomason at tthomason@cobar.org:

- Manuscript: Articles should be submitted as MS Word or Google Doc attachments to email. Do not include pictures.
- A short bio for each author.
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