

OHIO LAWYER **EDITORIAL POLICY**

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Articles are judged on importance of topic, accuracy, clarity, timeliness and writing style. Articles not written in standard expository style are not accepted. Do not submit briefs, summaries, outlines or memoranda.

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Statements or expressions of opinion appearing in the magazine are those of the authors, and not necessarily those of the Association, *Ohio Lawyer* or the editor.

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Reviews should not exceed 500 words.

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