

FAMILY ADVOCATE

Instructions to Authors

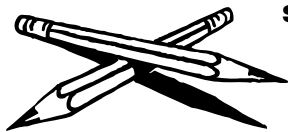
Our audience

Family Advocate is the quarterly membership magazine of the ABA Section of Family Law. Our audience consists of experienced family lawyers and other professionals involved in divorce, child custody, adoption, and other family law-related matters.

Your topic

Each article submitted for a particular issue of *Family Advocate* will cover one aspect of a broader topic or theme. It is your job to focus exclusively on that topic and to refrain from drifting into other authors' terrain. Your focus should be narrow, specific, practical, and how-to. For example, an article on trial techniques is too broad, but an article on taking a deposition of a lesbian mother in a custody case is well-focused for our readers.

Writing style



Write in the active voice using a lively style

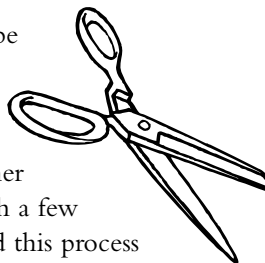
and emphasizing a hands-on approach rather than a theoretical or scholarly one. Use examples and personal anecdotes and avoid legalese. Citations should be national in scope, integrated into the text, and used sparingly. Cite checking is the author's responsibility.

The editorial process

Initially, the issue editor will provide a brief outline of your topic as well as a list of other articles in the issue. Authors will submit an expanded outline, a first,

and a final draft. Editorial board members will review all submissions. Issue editors will provide feedback to the author.

Articles will be copy-edited for grammar, style, clarity, and overlap with other articles. Although a few authors may find this process painful, most appreciate being able to focus on the law and practice and let someone else worry about the nuances of grammar and punctuation. Authors will be given an opportunity to review final edited copy prior to publication.



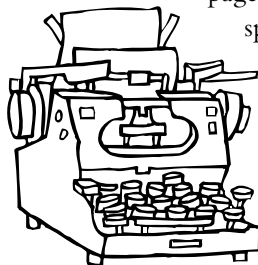
Submission requirements

Submit all copy via e-mail, with a printed copy to Deborah Eisel (in case of problems in transmission or conversion).

Feature articles

All authors are required to submit:

- A detailed outline of two to three pages, typed double spaced.



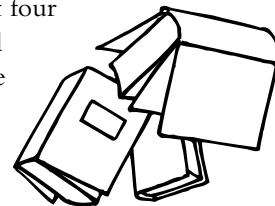
- A first draft of seven to ten pages.
- A final draft of seven to ten pages.

- A brief bio of two to three sentences, detailing background or experience that particularly qualifies you to write on the topic.
- Contact information include mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail.

- A color photo to accompany your article. If sent electronically, it should be a minimum of 300dpi and saved as a TIFF, EPS, or JPEG file.

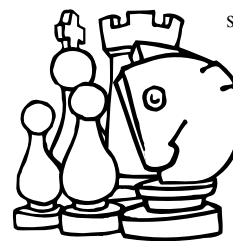
- A signed ABA copyright release. The editor will provide you with the ABA Copyright release. Please sign and return it prior to publication.

- A bibliography of four to six additional resources on the topic. Citation format: author (last name first), title, city of publisher, publisher, date of publication, price.



- Sidebars consisting of checklists, practice tips, and/or sample clauses. Be creative. There is more to being

a great lawyer than simply knowing the law. This is your chance to shine by sharing your best hot tip, shrewd strategy, or savvy shortcut.



Sample copies

Upon publication, each author will receive five advance copies of the *Family Advocate* issue in which his or her article appears.

More questions?

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