

### FEATURE SUBMISSIONS

*Student Lawyer* magazine is published each month from September through May by the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. It circulates to approximately 32,000 readers, most of whom are law student members of the ABA. Review the following demographics from our 2010 reader survey to get a sense of our readership.

#### Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

#### Enrollment Status

Full-time	77%
Part-time	23%

#### Age

Under 25	11%
25–29	47%
30–34	18%
35–49	17%
50 and older	6%

*Student Lawyer* is a **legal-affairs features magazine**, not a legal journal, which competes for a share of law students' limited spare time. The articles we publish, therefore, must be informative, lively, well-researched good reads. We do not accept poetry, fiction, or footnoted academic articles or briefs. **We will not publish footnotes or endnotes.**

Each issue of *Student Lawyer* includes **feature articles** by freelance writers and experts (lawyers and nonlawyers alike) of roughly 1,500 to 2,000 words apiece. We publish features on careers, job searching, societal trends that affect law schools and students, trends in the legal profession or law of interest to law students, and legal education issues.

Writers should provide thorough reporting, lively writing that appeals to our sophisticated audience, and insightful analysis. They should expect to work extensively with the magazine's editor to provide missing or additional information, to clear up the unclear, and to polish any rough edges.

**Columns** also offer publication possibilities for freelance writers and experts. Most are prepared by regular columnists, but we're open to new talent. "Professionalism" helps law students deal with matters of legal ethics and professionalism. "Legal Writing" offers tips for readers to improve their writing and communications skills. "Legal Research" discusses best practices for research. "Jobs" helps readers market themselves to potential legal employers. And "Advice from the Inside" helps students deal with the unique challenges of law school.

Columns should be about 1,000 words. If you'd like to propose a new column on a topic that would serve law students, please e-mail us your résumé, three clips, and ideas for possible columns.

These guidelines are for feature article submissions. For letters to the editor, reviews, opinion essays, and student/school news, please refer to our guidelines on the next page. We don't make assignments to writers we're unfamiliar with, but we are always willing to look at material on spec. If you're interested in writing for us, e-mail us an article submission or a detailed query with three previously published clips.

The best way to find out what *Student Lawyer* is all about is to read an issue. They're available for \$8 apiece (plus postage and handling) from the ABA Service Center, [service@americanbar.org](mailto:service@americanbar.org) or 800-285-2221. Questions? Contact the editor by e-mail ([studentlawyer@americanbar.org](mailto:studentlawyer@americanbar.org)) or phone (312-988-6049).

All contributions must include the writer's name and full contact information. Submit articles by MS Word file attachment to [studentlawyer@americanbar.org](mailto:studentlawyer@americanbar.org).

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, OPINION ESSAYS, REVIEWS, STUDENT/SCHOOL NEWS**

Award-winning *Student Lawyer* magazine is published each month from September through May by the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. It circulates to approximately 40,000 readers, most of whom are law student members of the ABA.

*Student Lawyer* welcomes unpaid submissions from readers as well as paid features and columns from professional writers. *Student Lawyer* is a legal-affairs features magazine, not a legal journal. *We do not accept footnoted academic articles or briefs, poetry, or fiction.* For feature articles and columns that require lively writing and extensive reporting and analysis, please see our guidelines for freelance submissions.

**Letters to the editor.** Brief, to-the-point letters that respond directly to a *Student Lawyer* article are preferred.

**Opinion essays.** Readers may submit 600-word essays for *Student Lawyer*'s Opinion department. To be accepted for publication, the essay should address an issue especially relevant to our nationwide law student readership and have a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. We can accept an essay previously published (for instance, in a law school newspaper) if the writer provides contact information for the previous publisher and if we're able to secure reprint permission.

**Reviews.** *Student Lawyer* accepts 600- to 1,000-word reviews of books, films, and other media that have a connection with the law or unique perspective of law students. Submissions will be evaluated for writing quality and relevance to our readers.

**Student/school news.** Please keep *Student Lawyer* and our Division Dialogue section in mind when issuing news releases, photos, and other material about student events and accomplishments. We also want to know about interesting students to profile in our Head of the Class department. To submit a suggestion to Head of the Class, please e-mail us a person's name and contact information, as well as a brief description of why they deserve to be featured.

**Submission requirements.** Contributions are evaluated by the editor and student editor and are subject to review by a committee of the Law Student Division. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and space, and to reject any unsolicited item. We can't guarantee publication of any contribution. You may enhance your chance at publication by discussing approaches beforehand with the editor, by e-mail ([studentlawyer@americanbar.org](mailto:studentlawyer@americanbar.org)) or phone (312-988-6049). *Because of our production schedules, an item may not appear until at least three months after submission, often longer.*

All contributions must include the writer's name, school and year, and full contact information. The e-mail subject lines when sending submissions should have "Letter to the Editor," "Opinion," "Review," or "Student News" in the subject line. *Student Lawyer*'s e-mail address is [studentlawyer@americanbar.org](mailto:studentlawyer@americanbar.org). E-mail submissions with MS Word attachments are strongly preferred, but you may also mail your item to: Angela Gwizdala, Student Lawyer, ABA Publishing, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

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