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How long should my article be?

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How do I submit an article for consideration?

Email either a paragraph on a potential topic or a polished draft – the choice is yours – to the Editor, Robert Steele, at rsteele@ssrga.com, and either our Real Estate Editor, Cheryl Kelly, at CKelly@thompsoncoburn.com, or our Trust and Estate Editor, Raymond Prather, at ray@pratherebner.com.

Do I need to have my topic pre-approved before I write my submission?

Not required, but the choice is yours. We welcome topic suggestions and can give guidance at that stage, or you may submit a detailed outline or even a full draft. You may even submit an article previously published (discussed below) for our consideration.

Do citations need to be in formal Bluebook style?
eReport is the most informal publication of the Section. We do not publish with heavy footnotes and all references are in endnotes. If there are citations, however, whether to the case you are writing about, or in endnotes, they should be in proper Bluebook format to allow the reader to find the material. Certainly you may include hyperlinks to materials as well.

**Can I revise my article after it is accepted for publication?**

While we do not encourage last minute changes, it is possible to make changes since we work on Word documents until right before publication when all articles are converted to pdf format for publication.

**What is your editing process?**

Our Editor and either the Trust and Estate Editor or the Real Estate Editor work together to finalize your article. The article and the style are yours, however, and you are solely responsible for the content and accuracy. We will just help to polish the article, not re-write it. Our authors have a huge variety of styles and we embrace all variety in our publication.

**Do I get to provide feedback on any changes that you make to my article?**

Yes. We will email a final draft to you unless we have only made very minor typographical or grammatical changes.

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