

General Guidelines

Audience

Articles should be addressed primarily to the needs of practicing lawyers and managing partners, and secondarily to administrators, paralegals and other members of the legal services delivery team.

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Subject matter will be important in determining length. Articles can vary in length from 1,000 to 3,000 words.

Focus

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Style

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