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FEATURE ARTICLES
A successful feature article is one that provides practical, hands-on solutions to a problem or problems most solos, small firm lawyers, or general practitioners face. Practical information is valued over theoretical ideas. Feature articles cover a broad range of substantive areas as well as issues related to practice management, professional responsibility, quality of life, and technology. Technology articles are geared both to lawyers who are just entering the world of technology as well as those who are already familiar with what technology can do for them but want to learn more.

Style. GPSolo is not a law journal, so articles shouldn’t be written in an abstract, legalistic way. Express your ideas informally and conversationally.

- If at all possible, avoid legal citations.
- Steer clear of trite metaphors and clichés.
- Favor short words over long ones.
- Write in an active, rather than a passive, voice (e.g., “Congress passed the law” instead of “The law was passed by Congress”).
- Don’t use legal jargon if there is a clear conversational equivalent.
- If it seems appropriate, use anecdotes and/or humor to make your points.
- Please remember that the language should be gender neutral.

Format. Generally, feature articles should be 2,200 to 2,500 words (roughly eight or nine double-spaced pages). Either the magazine’s Issue Editor or Technology Editor will tell you if your article is an exception. Please submit your article as an MS Word file or an RTF file, via an e-mail attachment.

Editing. Your article will be edited as needed for style, content, and length. When you submit your article, it may be sent to the magazine’s editorial board for review. The magazine editors, including the staff editor, will incorporate the board members’ queries.
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