

# International Law News

## Contributor Guidelines

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The *International Law News* is seeking high quality, original content that contributes value to legal professionals counseling their clients on matters that involve international law and cross-border transactional practice and representing their clients in the resolution of cross-border disputes. We are accepting contributions for any of the current focus areas recognized in the organizational structure of the ABA International Law Section:

- Americas
- Asia/Pacific
- Contracts, Transportation, Energy & Environment
- Corporate and Supply Chain
- Cyber, Art and Technology
- Disputes
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Europe/Eurasia/Middle East/Africa
- Finance
- Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Legal Practice, Ethics and Delivery of Legal Services
- Trade, International Organizations and Regulatory Practice

The *International Law News* is interested in content that falls into several different categories. First, we are happy to consider short **briefings**, around 150 words, which provide readers with a quick insight on current events, such as a recent court decision, new legislation or an important policy announcement. Second, we welcome **articles**, around 750 – 1,000 words, which provide readers with practical analysis and advice that they can use in their practices. Finally, in appropriate cases, we will publish **longer-form content** that offers a deeper analysis of a particular topic and includes a modest amount of footnotes and references to other sources in order to provide readers with a full picture of the topic and ideas about how to incorporate the analysis into their work. Longer-form content should not be a small law review article, but does provide contributors with an opportunity to discuss more complex matters. Long-form content should not exceed 2,500 words unless an exception is approved in advance by the Editor-in-Chief.

The *International Law News* is scheduled to be published quarterly the final weeks of November, February, May and August. The editorial board is also open to ideas for regular contributions on a particular topic that can run in each issue. A submitted piece will take six weeks to move from submission to publication. Therefore contributors are strongly urged to respect the posted deadlines to allow for full review and editing of each submission. Submissions for the November issue must be delivered by **October 15, 2021**. Subsequent deadlines are: **January 15, 2022, April 15, 2022** and **July 15, 2022**.

Content should be submitted to the editorial team of the *International Law News*, at [abainternationalawnews@gmail.com](mailto:abainternationalawnews@gmail.com). Please submit your article as an MS Word file or an RTF file, via an e-mail attachment. At the time receipt, the editorial team will review the article and return the submission with a decision as to its acceptance and necessary edits, if any. Among the factors that will be considered when submissions are review are relevance, value, originality, timeliness, accuracy of law, quality, and consistency with our guidelines. We present a variety of topics to readers, and so submissions may be rejected because of overlap with others already accepted. Authors may contact the editorial board ahead of the deadline if they would like to propose their topic in advance for feedback. We cannot publish already published work, such as firm alerts or other ABA published content, and will strictly require that all pieces are fully original. A submission does not guarantee the piece will be published. Please note that because of deadline pressures, you may not see the final digital version until the submission is published.

All submissions should conform to the following guidelines:

- Our standard reference books are *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (for spelling and hyphenation)*; *The Chicago Manual of Style (for all style, punctuation, and capitalization matters in written text as well as general rules of book making)*; *A Uniform System of Citation (the Blue Book--for citation forms in endnotes)* and *The Elements of Style* (by Strunk

and White). Note that Blue Book rules apply only to citations.

- Always use footnotes (as few as possible) and do not bury information in the footnotes (footnotes should consist almost exclusively of citations). Minimize spot citations; in other words, *Id.* is not that important.
- Include two or three biographical sentences for each author.
- When making a submission for an article or longform content, please provide a short summary (two sentences).

In the event that a submission does not comply with the guidelines, it will be returned to the author for review and correction. If a submission is accepted for publication, authors are expected to sign a publication agreement granting the ABA the right of first publication (a submission cannot be published unless and until such an agreement is signed).