



FAQs & Editorial Guidelines

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Editorial Guidelines?

- **1,000 – 1,500 words.** We can accept longer articles for the online edition.
- **Endnotes.** Sparingly use endnotes. Bluebook citation is preferred, but *be consistent* with citation format. **Hyperlinks** are encouraged for articles because they will all be published online.
- Use headings to break up the article. Lists (e.g. Top 10 Essential Contract Clauses for Owners) can be an effective organizational mechanism.
- Images, charts, photos, and graphics are encouraged. *Be creative!*
- 12 font times new roman. After the title the author(s) names should be listed as:

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2. Your name, firm name, city, and state as you would like them to be listed.
3. Forum Division that you would like to be listed, if any.
4. Sign/return the ABA release form. Please contact the editors for a copy of the release.
5. A one sentence summary of your article which will be included in the FCL's email summarizing your article. Get people to click on your article by grabbing their attention!
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