SUBMISSION & PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The 1865: Lackawanna Law Journal is a student-run, double-blind peer-reviewed law journal that provides a forum for original scholarship by attorneys, paralegals, legal professionals, legal scholars, professors, and law enforcement.

Published annually in the fall, the Journal explores legal issues, emerging trends, and compelling developments in the law, including topics relevant to the paralegal profession.

JOURNAL STAFF

The Journal's staff consists of a faculty advisor and students enrolled in Lackawanna College's Legal Studies program.

Each spring, the Legal Studies Department selects three to five students to serve as staff editors for the following academic year. Students are selected based on academic achievement, writing ability, and demonstrated interest in legal scholarship. The staff editors elect an editor-in-chief.

Students may also earn membership on the Journal by authoring an article suitable for publication, a process commonly referred to as "writing on."

Articles selected for further consideration undergo a double-blind peer-review process conducted by outside reviewers, including attorneys, law clerks, and practicing paralegals. During this process, the identities of authors and reviewers are withheld from one another to promote impartial evaluation.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES

To be considered for publication in the upcoming fall issue, articles should be submitted by **June 1**. Submissions received after June 1 may be considered for the following year's issue or, at the discretion of the editorial staff, the upcoming issue.

Articles must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word attachments to Lawjournal@lackawanna.edu. Submissions sent by regular mail will not be accepted.

All submissions will receive careful consideration. Articles must comply with Lackawanna College's applicable standards and the Journal's editorial guidelines.

To preserve anonymity during peer review, authors must provide their names, contact information, professional credentials, and brief biographical information on a separate title page. The article manuscript itself should not contain information identifying the author.

All correspondence concerning submissions, editorial decisions, and publication will be conducted by email.

SUBJECT MATTER

Articles must address or have a meaningful connection to a legal topic. The Journal welcomes scholarly analysis, practical commentary, discussions of emerging legal developments, and articles addressing issues relevant to the paralegal profession.

FORMATTING & LENGTH

Submissions must comply with the following requirements:

- Microsoft Word format
- Double-spaced text
- One-inch margins
- Generally between 1,000 and 6,000 words
- Footnotes rather than endnotes for citations and references

CITATIONS & REFERENCES

Authors must properly attribute quoted language, ideas, and research to their original sources. Citations should support legal propositions, factual assertions, and other claims requiring authority.

The Journal follows the *ALWD Guide to Legal Citation* for editing and citation verification. Submissions using *The Bluebook* citation format are also welcome.

Articles using APA citation format may be considered, provided the citations and references can reasonably be converted to ALWD format during the editorial process.

ORIGINALITY & PRIOR PUBLICATION

Submissions must represent the author's original work. Authors must disclose whether an article has been previously published or is under consideration by another publication.

Authors submitting work simultaneously to other publications must promptly notify the Journal if their article is accepted elsewhere.

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE

All submissions undergo an initial editorial review to determine whether they satisfy the Journal's standards and publication objectives.

Articles selected for further consideration are evaluated through the Journal's double-blind peer-review process. Acceptance decisions are based on the article's quality, originality, analysis, relevance, and suitability for publication.

Following review, authors will receive one of three decisions:

1. *Accepted*

   The article has been accepted for publication, subject to routine editing, citation verification, and minor revisions.

2. *Revise and Resubmit*

   The article has potential for publication but requires substantive revisions. The author may revise and resubmit the article for further consideration. An invitation to resubmit does not guarantee publication.

3. *Not Accepted*

   The article has not been selected for publication in its current form.

The Journal reserves the right to make final decisions regarding acceptance and publication.

EDITORIAL RIGHTS

The Journal reserves the right to edit accepted articles for clarity, grammar, punctuation, style, formatting, and citation accuracy.

Substantive revisions will be coordinated with the author before publication. The Journal may decline to publish an accepted article if revisions cannot be satisfactorily resolved.

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