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Length

Articles should be 2000-3000 words (approximately 8-10 double-spaced pages).

Headings

Articles should include a suggested headline. Short, succinct headlines have the most impact. Short sub-headings divide the article into easily defined sections.

Author Information

Byline should include all authors

Author biographical information (limit 30 words) should include firm, city, CAOC office held, areas of specialty.

Gender Bias

Articles should avoid gender bias. Examples should alternate between male and female when appropriate.

Citations

Authorities should be in the body of the text. Footnotes should comprise comments, not authorities.

Authorities should be in compliance with the California Style Manual.

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(Smith v. Johnson Manufacturing (1981) 123 Cal.App.3d 456 [234 Cal.Rptr. 567].)

(Smith v. Johnson Manufacturing, supra, 123 Cal.App.3d at p. 457.)

(Id., at p. 458.)

Code citations should be spelled out in normal text and abbreviated when in parentheses:

Quotations

Indent left margin of any quotation over 25 words long.

Quotations containing underlining, italics or bold must state: [Emphasis in original.] or [Emphasis added.]

All quotations must have a complete source citation immediately following.

Abbreviations and Contractions

Spell out all words completely in the body of the text; abbreviations are allowed within parentheses.

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