

# THE ESTATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

This is a guide for authors who wish to submit articles for publication in the ESTATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL.

### PURPOSE & PERSPECTIVE

The Journal publishes scholarly articles of both academic and practical importance on topics related to the fields of estate planning, community property, estate planning, probate, and trust law. Also, we consider for publication legal articles in related fields.<sup>1</sup>

### STYLE

We accept and edit articles written in traditional law review style. While length may vary, submissions are typically 25-50 double-spaced typed pages and present a scholarly discussion with full citation to authority in footnotes. Our editors conform to the most recent editions of *The Bluebook—A Uniform System of Citation* and the

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<sup>1</sup> Among others, these areas include intestate succession, wills, trusts, testamentary substitutes, powers of attorney, inter vivos gifts, powers of appointment, joint tenancies, multi-party accounts, retirement accounts, annuities, life insurance, probate courts, probate proceedings and alternatives to formal proceedings, personal representatives, administrators, executors, trustees, trust and estate creditors, trust and estate beneficiaries, heirship proceedings, fiduciary litigation, income taxation of trusts and estates, federal and state transfer taxes (gift tax, estate tax, and generation-skipping transfer tax), alternative reproductive technologies, guardianships, medical powers of attorney, directives to physicians, anatomical gifts, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, elder abuse, marital property in community property jurisdictions, homestead and similar statutory asset protections, and historical, social, economic, international, ethical, professional responsibility and professional malpractice analyses related issues.

*Texas Law Review Manual on Style*. For general writing style, refer to William Strunk, Jr. & E.B. White, *The Elements of Style*.

## SUBMISSION

The *Journal* welcomes article submissions from all nations and states and particularly encourages the various community property countries, states, and regions to submit for publication. Additionally, the *Journal* welcomes articles from all levels of practice, including law professors, judges, practicing lawyers, solicitors, students, etc.

We accept all articles in electronic format. Please e-mail to [submissions\\_epj.law@ttu.edu](mailto:submissions_epj.law@ttu.edu).

## PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The *Journal* publishes two times a year. The following table summarizes the publication schedule and the respective deadlines for article submission. Submitted articles are reviewed on a “first submitted, first accepted” basis, and specific *Journal* issues are sometimes full in advance of their respective deadlines, so there is an advantages to early submission. We cannot hold space “open” in an issue for promised articles or promised redrafts of articles.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Deadline for Article Submission</b>
Fall	Late December	July 1
Spring	Late June	December 1

## ARTICLE SELECTION

The Executive Board selects articles for publication based upon a number of objective factors. These factors include the article’s: (1) subject-matter compatibility with the *Journal’s* purpose and goals; (2) clarity, style, and substantive accuracy; (3)

level of thoroughness for each topic treated; (4) adequacy of citation; (5) level of demand regarding particular topics or issues; and (5) level of uniqueness or scholarly inquiry. We will also consider the independence of the author and possible conflicts of interest, whether real or apparent, that may hinder objectivity.

### **EDITORIAL PROCESS**

All accepted articles are edited by the *Journal's* editorial board at the Texas Tech University School of Law and reviewed and edited by at least two members of the Executive Board to ensure accuracy of content and clarity of style. Upon completion of editing, we return the edited article to its author for suggestions and comments before publication.

Any author who has a question about *Journal* editorial policy while preparing an article is encouraged to contact any member of the Executive Board, or Eric Pace, [eric.pace@ttu.edu](mailto:eric.pace@ttu.edu).

### **COMPLIMENTARY REPRINTS FOR AUTHORS**

The *Journal* provides authors with 25 complimentary copies. Authors may order additional reprints at cost after the edited article is returned to the editor-in-chief immediately prior to publication.