



## ***Rhode Island Bar Journal***

### **Editorial Statement**

The *Rhode Island Bar Journal* is the Rhode Island Bar Association's official magazine for Rhode Island attorneys, judges and others interested in Rhode Island law. The *Bar Journal* is a magazine published bi-monthly, six times annually, and digitally distributed to, among others, all practicing attorneys and sitting judges, in Rhode Island. This constitutes an audience of over 6,300 individuals. Covering issues of relevance and providing updates on events, programs and meetings, the *Rhode Island Bar Journal* is a magazine that is read on arrival and, most often, kept for future reference. The *Bar Journal* publishes scholarly discourses, commentary on the law and Bar activities, and articles on the administration of justice. While the *Journal* is a serious magazine, our articles are not dull or somber. We strive to publish a topical, thought-provoking magazine that addresses issues of interest to significant segments of the Bar. We aim to publish a magazine that is read, quoted and retained. The *Bar Journal* encourages the free expression of ideas by Rhode Island Bar members. The *Bar Journal* assumes no responsibility for opinions, statements and facts in signed articles, except to the extent that, by publication, the subject matter merits attention. The opinions expressed in articles, interviews, columns, and editorials are not the official view of the Rhode Island Bar Association. Letters to the Editor are welcome.

### **Article Selection Criteria**

- Contributors are requested to submit article, book review, editorial, and interview topic ideas for approval to the Managing Editor prior to submission.
- The *Rhode Island Bar Journal* gives primary preference to original articles, written expressly for first publication in the *Bar Journal*, by attorney and judicial members of the Rhode Island Bar Association. The *Bar Journal* does not accept unsolicited articles from individuals who are not members of the Rhode Island Bar Association unless co-authored with a RIBA member. Law student members may submit articles co-authored by either a law school professor (not necessarily a RIBA member) or a RIBA member.
- A maximum of two authors (co-authors) is permitted for article submissions.
- Articles previously appearing in other publications are typically not accepted.
- All submitted articles are subject to the *Journal's* Editor's approval, and they reserve the right to edit or reject any articles and article titles submitted for publication.

- Selection for publication is based on the article's relevance to our readers, determined by content and timeliness. Articles appealing to the widest range of interests are particularly appreciated. However, commentaries dealing with more specific areas of law are given equally serious consideration.
- Preferred format includes: a clearly presented statement of purpose and/or thesis in the introduction; supporting evidence or arguments in the body; and a summary conclusion.
- Citations conform to the Uniform System of Citation
- Maximum article size is approximately 3,500 words. However, shorter articles are preferred.
- While authors may be asked to edit articles themselves, the Editor reserves the right to edit pieces for legal size, presentation and grammar.
- Articles are accepted for review on a rolling basis. Meeting the criteria noted above does not guarantee publication. Articles are selected and published at the discretion of the Editor.
- Submissions are preferred in a Microsoft Word format emailed as an attachment.
- Authors are asked to include an identification of their current legal position and a photograph, (headshot) preferably in a jpg file of, at least, 350 d.p.i., with their article submission.

### **Rhode Island Bar Journal Submission Deadlines and Publication Considerations**

Due to production schedules, all submissions for Rhode Island Bar Journal publication consideration must be received, in a Word format, by email, by the Journal's Editor Erin Cute at [ecute@ribar.com](mailto:ecute@ribar.com) no later than the first of two months prior to the publication date. For example: November 1<sup>st</sup> for the January/February issue; January 1<sup>st</sup> for the March/April issue and so on. The Journal is generally able to accommodate short notices of one-page or less, maximum of 750 words, within that time frame.

Submitting lengthier piece or articles for publication consideration does not guarantee acceptance or placement in the next issue, as there is often a queue of previously-accepted articles awaiting placement. However, if a piece is particularly time sensitive, the Journal Editor will work to accommodate the piece into an appropriate issue.

Direct inquiries and send articles and author photographs for publication consideration to:

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