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OVERVIEW

The Camden County Bar Association (“CCBA”) communicates to its members by a publication known as *The Barrister*. Since it is a digital publication that is available on a limited basis to non-members including the public at large, the extended scope of its readership is unknown. However, the focus of *The Barrister* is to inform, educate, and entertain the CCBA membership, and to accomplish its mission, the CCBA has selected certain members to comprise the publication’s Editorial Board. The Editorial Board, with oversight by the CCBA’s governing body, the Board of Trustees, has developed rules and regulations designed to ensure that all copy submitted for publication, whether articles, opinions, or advertisements, conform to and are consistent with the CCBA’s fundamental objectives for communicating to its members through *The Barrister*. In developing rules that will apply to all submissions for publication in *The Barrister*, the CCBA and its Editorial Board have considered and drawn from several sources, including a.) The CCBA Bylaws; b.) The CCBA Code of Professionalism; and c.) rules adopted by other law or law-related organizations. Additionally, practical considerations factored in the development of guidelines suitable for the nature and intent of this publication. Ultimately, the Editorial Board of *The Barrister* reserves the right to accept or reject any article, opinion piece or advertisement and the right to condition acceptance of any submission on its revision so that it meets the publication requirements established by the Editorial Board. Final publication decisions rest solely with the Editorial Board.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Articles and opinion pieces, both referred to herein as “articles,” are accepted based on their merit, professional interest, readership appeal, balanced approach to the topic, timeliness of the topic, clarity of expression, and style.
2. Any author, person or company offering content for publication who becomes aware of any error in the submission should immediately notify the CCBA Executive Director who may, if determined to be necessary, refer the matter to the Editorial Board to determine how to correct the error.
3. While a matter of common sense and legal responsibility, no submission should contain any content that is plagiarized or adopts someone else's intellectual property without appropriate acknowledgement and permission.
4. All articles must be original unless a submission from another source is offered with the original source's written permission.
5. Anyone submitting an article represents that no material included in the article violates the rights of any other person or entity.
6. If an article is accepted for publication, all rights to the content of that article become the property of the CCBA and cannot be submitted to any other publication or otherwise printed elsewhere without the express written consent of the CCBA.
7. Since this is the publication of a county legal organization, articles should generally be on topics that historically have been enjoyed by CCBA members or are consistent with the content and scope of articles that are likely to be of benefit or interest to our members.

8. Collegiality is an important quality that members of the CCBA enjoy and which the organization desires to promote. The CCBA enjoys a diverse membership and seeks to avoid publishing articles or advertisements that the Editorial Board believes would have the potential to adversely impact the goodwill that the CCBA enjoys with its membership. While the Editorial Board does not desire to censor expressions that may be outside the mainstream of legal thought and recognizes that views that may be in the minority at the time of submission may find more widespread acceptance in later years, *The Barrister* does not aspire to be a publication for change or a medium for political discourse. Rather, it seeks to be one that keeps its members informed about and updated on matters such as CCBA events and topics germane to the practices of its many members. It also seeks to entertain members with articles or columns that may offer relief from the rigors of the everyday practice of law. Essentially, the CCBA wants *The Barrister* to be a resource useful to members and a benefit that enhances the value of membership.
9. If an article or advertisement is submitted for publication in *The Barrister* that is not a recurring article or column, and the Executive Director has concerns about whether it complies with these rules for submissions, she or he should inform the Editorial Board so that it can review the article for acceptance or rejection. A majority of those then serving on the Editorial Board will decide whether the copy submitted should be published. If the Executive Director refers the submission for a decision by the Editorial Board and time is required for a final decision to be made, the Executive Director or a member of the Editorial Board should inform the author that he or she is free to submit the article or advertisement elsewhere.