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Guidelines for Opinion (“As I See It”) Articles

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Objective

“As I See It” is a forum for expression of ideas on the law, the legal profession, and the administration of justice. The statements and opinions expressed are those of the authors, and no endorsement of these views by the CBA should be inferred. Readers are invited to send article feedback to Susie Klein at sklein@cobar.org (no feedback will be printed without the sender’s written consent).

Submission Procedure

- ▶ Submissions should be emailed to Susie Klein at sklein@cobar.org and should include the author’s name, firm name, and area of expertise. Suggested word count is between 1,500 and 3,000 words.
- ▶ Citations should be provided where appropriate.
- ▶ All submissions will be sent to a 3-member committee of *Colorado Lawyer* for consideration. The committee will determine whether an article is accepted or declined for publication on the basis of how well it meets the guidelines outlined below, as well as its timeliness, clarity, and organization. The committee may request that an article be shortened, edited, or otherwise revised before continuing with the review process.

Guidelines

1. Criticism should be presented with restraint and good taste, and should focus on the issues rather than on individuals. Submissions that include personal attacks, contain language that may be deemed defamatory, or are inconsistent with the objectives of the CBA will not be published.
2. Analysis, opinion, and criticism of the present state of the law should be supported by sufficient legal authority to enable the reader to assess the validity of the opinion.
3. Articles should contribute in a positive way to the profession. When criticism is voiced, suggestions for reform should also be included. When advocating a position, the author should address valid arguments on the other side.
4. The committee is mindful of the publication’s role in promoting civility and professionalism and reserves the right to accept or reject any article. The committee will decline articles that:
 - are poorly written
 - denigrate the legal profession
 - relate to partisan politics
 - advocate or oppose a particular candidacy for a political or judicial office
 - promote a specific business or type of business
 - otherwise violate ethical standards.
5. Opposing viewpoints are welcome and will be published when appropriate. Articles may also be submitted in point/counterpoint format.