

Eighth Circuit Bar Association Newsletter

Guidelines for Writers

The Eighth Circuit Bar Association was formed to improve and facilitate the administration of justice within the courts of the Eighth Circuit; to raise the standards of proficiency and integrity in federal practice; to develop and implement effective, efficient, and uniform rules of practice and procedure within the courts of the Eighth Circuit; and to assist the judiciary of the Eighth Circuit in whatever manner requested.

In furtherance of these goals, the Association publishes a Newsletter up to four times a year. The Newsletter is distributed to all members via email. The Newsletter is intended to inform the Association's membership of the Association's activities, news and events within the Eighth Circuit, and developments in federal appellate practice and procedure.

Length: Most newsletter articles are between 500 and 1,500 words, but can be shorter or longer depending on subject matter.

Subject matter: The Newsletter strives to publish articles that are interesting and useful to appellate judges and practitioners. Substantive articles should generally focus on appellate rules, jurisdiction, procedure in the Federal Courts of Appeals, particularly within the Eighth Circuit. The Newsletter also welcomes articles about practitioners and judges within the geographic area of the Eighth Circuit. Authors should keep in mind that the Eighth Circuit Bar Association is nonpartisan and includes a diverse membership. The Eighth Circuit Bar Association Communications Committee reserves the right to reject articles at the sole discretion of the committee.

Photos and graphics: Photos and graphics are welcome and will run at the discretion of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association Communications Committee.

Biographical statement: Authors should include a short biographical statement of two to three sentences. The biographical statement should be at the end of the article.

Format: Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Editing and style: An informal and conversational style is preferred. Articles are subject to review and editing by members of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association Communications Committee. The Newsletter generally follows the *Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style*.

Citations: Citations to cases and other references should be in the form prescribed by *A Uniform System of Citations* ("The Bluebook"). The Newsletter prefers that citations be in text, not in footnotes or endnotes.