

Brave New Scholarship

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1. The intended publisher of my article is

- The top 5 law journals
- The top 15 law journals
- The top 387 law journals
- The Xerox Corporation

2. The purpose of my article is

- To send out reprints
- To get a raise
- It's my tenure piece

3. The total number of pages in my article shall be

- 10 pages
- 25 pages
- 50 pages
- Over 50 pages

4. If I have selected 10 pages, I would like to subtitle it:

- A Commentary
- An Essay
- A Note
- A Rejoinder
- A Modest Contribution to Twentieth-Century Legal Thought

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5. The approximate number of footnotes shall be

- 100 footnotes
- 250 footnotes
- 600 footnotes
- Over 600 footnotes

HELPFUL HINT: Many law review editors select articles solely on the basis of how many footnotes they contain.

6. The kind of footnote I prefer is

- Citations with confusing parenthetical comments
- Learned textual amplification of citations
- More words in the footnotes than in the text

7. There shall be at least 10 footnotes citing

- Coase
- Hegel
- Note
- Wittgenstein

8. There shall be at least 5 footnotes citing

- MacKinnon
- Scalia
- Epstein
- Posner
- Aristotle

9. There shall be no citations to

- Bork
- D'Amato
- Dershowitz
- Estrich
- Kennedy (any Kennedy)

10. I want my footnotes to be

- Bluebooked
- Whitebooked
- Greenbooked
- Anybooked

11. Case citations shall be to

- Federal courts
- State courts
- Municipal courts
- Inferior courts
- Tennis courts

12. The mode of analysis shall primarily be

- Interdepartmental
- Cross-cultural
- Economic:
 - Macro
 - Micro
 - Mucro
- Philosophical:
 - Contemporary
 - Pseudo
 - Linguistic
- Psychosomatic
- Sociobiological

13. The text shall include

- Graphs
- Equations:
 - The kind with Σ
 - The kind with \geq
- A generous sampling of Internet pornography

14. The title of my article shall be

- Although God Exists, She Is Hard to Find on WESTLAW
- American Book Ass'n v. Gates*: The "Act of God" Defense to Lost Data
- An Overlooked Theory of Blackmail: It's Fun and Profitable at the Same Time
- Aquinas, Aristotle, and Attila the Hun: The Historical Foundations of Law
- Banning Contraceptives in Connecticut: A Prophylactic Approach
- Canons of Military Law
- Cicero and Tully: Was Cloning Permitted Under Roman Law?
- Distinguishing Ukases from Usufructs: Some Economic Considerations
- Extraterrestrial Reach of Federal Court Jurisdiction
- Federalism and the Uses and Limits of Professor Redish
- Flawed Flowers: The Relation of Law to Horticulture
- Habeas Interruptus: The Clinton Administration's War on Crime
- Hate Speech: Too Much of a Good Thing?
- How Law Review Editors Obtain Judicial Clerkships
- International Law Exists, but Only in Professor D'Amato's Head
- Is the Constitution Constitutional?
- Law and Cosmology
- Out to Lunch: The 1998-99 Term of the U.S. Supreme Court
- Rule 10B-5 Does Not Apply to Corporations
- Sections 243(c)-(f) of the UCC Should Be Renumbered
- Should Selfish Genes Be Penalized for Failure to Warn?
- The Importance of Legislating Against Global Meltdown
- The Second Amendment Is Twice as Good as the First: The Right of Citizens to be Armed to the Hilt
- The Uses and Abuses of Police Brutality
- Today We Are All Coaseans (with the Possible Exception of Coase Himself)
- Word-Counts of Leading Law Professors
- HELPFUL HINT:** This list is automatically replenished every 4 hours.

15. My byline shall consist of

- My first and last name only
- My first name, middle initial, and last name
- My first name, middle name, and last name
- My first initial, middle name, and last name
- My last name shall be followed by
- Jr.
- III
- Esq.
- Inc.
- Ltd.

16. I prefer

- A detailed table of contents
- A brief table of contents
- Let the reader fend for herself

17. Include the following persons to be thanked profusely in the first footnote:

- Anthony Kronman
- Daniel Fischel
- David Clark
- David Van Zandt
- Joel Seligman
- John Sexton
- Judith Areen
- Paul Brest
- Jack Derrida
- Larry Tribe
- Linda Tripp
- Stanley Fish

18. Acknowledge the following helpful faculty workshops in the first footnote:

- Northwestern
- Northeastern
- Southwestern
- Joliet Correctional Facility

19. The research for this article was funded by

- MacArthur Foundation Genius Award
- Taking up a collection

20. The first footnote should say that any mistakes

- Are the fault of readers and commentators
- Were inserted at the last minute by the editors
- Are due solely to human error

21. The text shall be

- In the first person
- In the third person
- Change randomly from first to third

22. I prefer

- Tight organization
- Stream of consciousness
- Just to tell a story

23. The reader shall be addressed throughout as

- Dear reader
- You
- Sister

24. The opening paragraph shall proclaim that this article

- Solves a problem that has baffled jurists for
 - 100 years
 - 25 years
 - Weeks
- Presents a compelling new paradigm for legal thought
- Addresses the most important issue facing law review editors today

25. My argument shall be

- Reader-friendly
- Esoteric
- Conservative
- Controversial

26. The tone of my article should be

- Folksy
- Stuffy
- Deconstructive
- Vicious

27. I want the following number of supporting arguments:

- 5
- 3
- 1
- 0

28. If a search retrieves a previously published article similar to mine:

- Refute it
- Ignore it
- Praise it if the author is in a law school that ranks higher than mine
- Dump on it if the author is in a law school that ranks lower than mine

29. The conclusion must have

- Heart
- Hope
- Humility
- Supreme self-confidence

30. At the end, the reader is urged to

- Undertake additional research
- Draft appropriate legislation
- Consult my other publications

31. When the article is completed:

- Autocorrect
 - Shepardize
 - Spell-check
 - Grammar-check
 - Meaning-check
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Congratulations! You are **almost finished**. You may now proceed to

ENTER (allow 15 to 30 seconds for composition)

MY REVIEW (you may skip this step)

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