



Pima County Bar Association

Editorial Policies of *The Writ*

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The Writ is a monthly newspaper published by the Pima County Bar Association. The newspaper is overseen by an Editorial Board that functions as the newspaper's editor. In an effort to explain the Board's editorial policy and to further its goals, the Board has adopted the following statement to serve as general guidelines for contributors and for selecting and editing contributions.

Writ Editorial Board Policies

The Writ is a specialty newspaper written primarily for the legal community, and the Editorial Board encourages contributions from a variety of sources. The Editorial Board has determined that the majority of the articles or items published should be "law-related" or of special interest to the local legal community. Submissions can range from news and feature articles to humor and opinion pieces.

The Editorial Board encourages contributions from a variety of sources. Contributions are sought that are timely, well-written and do not appear to be predominantly in the nature of an advertisement promoting self-interests.

The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit the length and/or content of published submissions, and has the right to reject submissions. Space limitations within each issue are also a consideration for the Editorial Board. Efforts are made to select and edit submissions in a reasoned and non-arbitrary manner. The Editorial Board views that publishing a diverse range of opinions and articles will enhance readership and create a better overall product.

The Editorial Board further strives to provide PCBA members with information about other worthwhile programs and organizations in Pima County that are a part of, or of interest to, our local legal community. Articles about other legal programs, agencies, or groups that share information about their work and impact in the legal community (i.e., not a mere advertisement), are welcomed.

Other brief announcement forums within the newspaper are available to *legal* programs, agencies, and groups in the community. These forums may include: (1) the "Events in the Legal Community" Calendar (e.g., date/contact listings of meetings, events, CLEs), (2) the "Et Al" section, in which legal entities can provide brief informational or educational announcements, and (3) the "Community Bulletin Board" section, in which legal entities can provide requests (e.g., volunteers) or activity announcements.

Article contributions should be typed and most **should not exceed 500 words**. All submissions – articles, announcements, and calendar listings -- must be submitted to the Pima County Bar Association office **by the 20th of the month** to best ensure consideration for the following month's issue. The preferred receipt of submitted items is by email in MicroSoft Word or WordPerfect format to souders@pimacountybar.org.