

# JURIST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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## Why Write for Dateline?

- Share your personal experiences with the audience of a Webby-winning legal news and commentary service with thousands of daily readers from over 160 countries.
- Bring attention to the legal issues you care about.
- Hone your legal writing and analytical skills.
- Strengthen your resume and accumulate impressive writing samples

## How do I write for Dateline?

- **First, pick a topic.**
  - You may choose to write about any current legal topic or controversy that is within the sphere of your knowledge or interest. However, your topic must be based upon a **legal thesis** that focuses on sound legal analysis. Examples of topics include:
    - New pieces of legislation
    - Recent lawsuit filings and appeals
    - Recent court decisions (especially US Supreme Court cases)
    - Comparative pieces
    - The legal implications of domestic and international policy issues
- **Second, start writing.**
  - Dateline pieces should be approximately **1200 words long**.
    - Please **focus on legal analysis** in your writing. JURIST encourages authors to use personal experiences and policy-based arguments to further their arguments. However, all **articles must have a strong legal basis**.
  - Dateline **does not use footnotes** or follow the standard Bluebook citation format. Instead, we ask that our contributors include **online or digital versions of their sources** in their submissions. Preferably, such sources will be included in the text of the submission as a hyperlink in parentheses at the end of the appropriate sentence.
    - Authors must **cite direct quotations, legislation, court opinions, treatises, statistics, reports and other original sources**.
- **Third, send Dateline your piece.**
  - Please, keep in mind the following formatting instructions:
    - Arial, 12 pt. font
    - One space after periods
  - E-mail your **piece** to [studentcommentary@jurist.org](mailto:studentcommentary@jurist.org).
  - In your e-mail, please include your **résumé and headshot** (if you have one).

## Additional Questions?

- Please e-mail Dateline Section Head Elizabeth Imbarlina at [studentcommentary@jurist.org](mailto:studentcommentary@jurist.org)