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**Volume 45: Student Note Submissions & Guidelines**

The Review of Litigation welcomes and encourages Notes submissions from all University of Texas School of Law students, including those in the Class of 2025. Current J.D. Students at other law schools are welcome to submit. Submissions will be considered for publication in either our print edition or our online publication, *The Brief*. The deadline to submit for Volume 45 is **June 20, 2025**.

Questions should be directed to the Chief Online Editor, Elizabeth Martin, at [trolonlinesubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:trolonlinesubmissions@gmail.com), or the Chief Notes Editor, Christian Krueger, at [trolprintsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:trolprintsubmissions@gmail.com). We look forward to reviewing your submissions.

### Topics

We welcome Notes addressing issues relevant to modern litigation at the state and national level. Topics should address a novel issue or take a unique approach to analyzing a prominent issue. Acceptable topics vary, but should address a procedural or substantive litigation issue. Submissions should contribute meaningfully to legal scholarship and offer a fresh perspective for legal scholars and practitioners.

### Length

We welcome submissions of any length and will not discriminate either for or against any submission based on length. To be eligible for *The Brief*, submissions should range from 5–30 pages. To be eligible for *The Review*, submissions should range from 30–60 pages. While there is no stringent minimum or maximum length, we prioritize concise, well-written, and timely submissions.

### Editing Guidelines & Technical Requirements

Notes must follow the current versions of the *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* and the *Manual on Usage and Style*. Submissions that deviate significantly may be penalized.

Notes should be double-spaced and use 12-point Times New Roman font for the main body of the text. Footnotes should be single-spaced and use 10-point Times New Roman font. Please use one-inch margins and include page numbers in the bottom right corner. Please also include a table of contents and attach any corresponding appendices if necessary.

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## Proper Citations

Please ensure that citations are carefully included when making factual assertions or deriving an assertion from existing scholarship. We take plagiarism very seriously, and submissions that fail to include necessary citations will not be accepted. We will also review and verify all citations, so to the extent possible, please maintain a list of and a copy of sources in the event your submission is selected for publication.

## Preemption Check

We seek original Notes that make a novel contribution to existing legal scholarship. Students should perform a thorough preemption check on their topic. Please note any similar scholarship in your email submission and explain why your Note reflects a novel approach to the issue and is thus not preempted. If there is no similar scholarship, please note that as well. If your Note pertains to a particular case or law, it may also be preempted by an intervening court decision or legislation.

## Submissions

Submissions to our print edition should be sent to [trolprintsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:trolprintsubmissions@gmail.com), and submissions to *The Brief* should be sent to [trolonlinesubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:trolonlinesubmissions@gmail.com). Please attach your Note in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats, and include a brief description of your topic, a summary of your preemption check, and the total word count (including footnotes) in the body of your email.

We are committed to reviewing submissions in an anonymous and impartial manner. Please do not include any identifying information in the body of the submission itself. Further, please **do not** discuss your topic with the Chief Online Editor (Elizabeth Martin), the Chief Notes Editor (Christian Krueger), or any other Volume 45 Editorial Board members. If for any reason a member of the Editorial Board is familiar with your submission topic, please include a notice of this in your email submission so they can be recused. If you will be using a paper from a Texas Law seminar course, please note in your submission email if you took the course with a member of the Editorial Board.

There is no limit on the number of submissions, but please be thoughtful and submit them as separate submissions. Please submit your Note **no later than 11:59 PM on June 20, 2025**. Submissions received after the deadline will be considered on a rolling basis but will not be prioritized for inclusion in Volume 45 of *The Brief*.

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## Timeline

Students can expect to hear from the Chief Notes Editor or the Chief Online Editor within three weeks of the deadline. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis in the order received; however, publication offers will not be extended before the deadline unless an expedited review is requested. We do not require exclusive submission, but please inform us if you will be submitting to multiple publications. If you receive an offer while we are considering your submission, please request an expedited review.

All students will receive a formal response, whether or not their Note is selected for publication. Students who receive publication offers will have a minimum of ten days to accept. Please note, an extended offer may be conditional on further versions in accordance with editorial feedback. In such cases, students will have until the start of the upcoming academic year to submit a revised submission. If your submission is not selected for publication, you are welcome to revise and resubmit your Note as part of our rolling submissions process. Please indicate in your email that the submission has been previously considered.

## Resources

Tarlton Law Library has resources for drafting and editing student Notes at <https://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/student-seminar-papers>. For examples of past submissions, please see <https://www.thereviewoflitigation.org/the-brief>.