Dayton Bar Briefs
EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Dayton Bar Briefs, published monthly from September through June and once during the summer, is for lawyers and law students and other legal professionals, who are members of the Dayton Bar Association. Dayton Bar Briefs helps lawyers stay current and share in-depth information on the latest legal developments, issues and trends with their colleagues around the greater Dayton area. Dayton Bar Briefs publishes practical and procedural articles on Ohio law and theoretical and philosophic articles on legal topics. Articles of broad interest to the Dayton bar are preferred.

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Articles are judged on importance of topic, accuracy, clarity, timeliness and writing style. Articles not written in standard expository style are not accepted. Do not submit briefs, summaries, outlines or memoranda.

The Board of Editors reserves the right to require rewriting or editing as a condition of publication. The editor reserves the right to edit all material.

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Please include a title.

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