



## ***THE 1865: PEIRCE COLLEGE LAW JOURNAL***

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### **About the Journal**

*The 1865: Peirce College Law Journal* is a student-run, double-blind peer-review law journal, providing a forum for original articles written by attorneys, paralegals, legal professionals, legal scholars, professors, and law enforcement. The journal is published once a year in May. The Journal addresses issues, trends, and compelling topics in the legal field as well as specific topics in the paralegal profession.

### **Journal Staff**

*The 1865* Journal staff consists of a faculty advisor and a handful of current Peirce College students. Each spring, the College's Legal Studies Department selects four to five students as staff editors to run the Journal for the following school year. Each student is selected based on the student's outstanding academic achievements and his/her writing ability. An editor-in-chief is elected by the staff editors. Students may also be admitted to the Journal by authoring an article suitable for publication (i.e., "writing on"). Outside editors (practicing attorneys, law clerks, and working paralegals) are used for the Journal's double-blind peer-review process.

### **Submitting Articles**

Articles can be submitted from October 15 through February 15, each school year. To submit an article, please forward the article as an email attachment to [LawJournal@peirce.edu](mailto:LawJournal@peirce.edu). (Note that articles sent by regular mail will not be accepted.)

For the double-blind peer-review process, the author's name, email, credentials, and biographical information should be on a separate page from the article. After an article is submitted, all correspondence with the author will be via email.

### **Journal Guidelines**

All submitted articles will be carefully considered. Articles must comply with Peirce College standards and the Journal guidelines. Articles that meet the standards and guidelines will be considered for publication through a double-blind peer-review process to ensure impartiality.

All articles must be focused on or linked to a law-related topic. Articles should be in Microsoft Word, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. Articles should also be no fewer than 1,000 words and no more than 6,000 words (articles fewer than 1,000 words or larger than 6,000 words may be considered on a case-by-case basis). Quotation marks and citations should be used for another



author's language. Citations and references should also be used to support the article. For citations and references, please use footnotes rather than endnotes.

For editing and citation checking, the Journal uses the ALWD citation manual (Associate of Legal Writing Directors). If submitting an article with Bluebook citations, there is no need to worry—there are minor differences between the two manuals. Articles submitted in APA format will be considered if the citations and references can be easily converted to an ALWD format by our staff editors.

### **Acceptance**

“Non-student” authors will receive a reply after consideration for their submitted articles. There are three possible replies:

- (1) ***Accepted*** (the article will be accepted for Journal publication with routine edits and minor revisions by staff editors);
- (2) ***Resubmit After Revisions*** (more than minor revisions are needed—the article should be revised by the author and resubmitted for consideration); and
- (3) ***Not Accepted*** (the article, as it stands, is not suitable for journal publication).

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