

BEST PRACTICES FOR DRAFTING & PUBLISHING ARTICLES

GETTING STARTED

Regularly read articles about law librarianship. Keeping abreast of what is happening in the profession can inform your own writing.

Volunteer for writing opportunities, as those may lead to additional prospects.

Learn as much as you can about the publication process for the journal, magazine, newsletter, blog, or resource you want to be published in.

Writing shorter pieces such as blog posts can spur you to write longer articles. Consider publishing in more general librarianship resources, as opposed to only law librarianship resources.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT?

Write what you want to know Are you curious about a topic? Research and investigate, then share your findings with others.

Think about challenges and/or lessons that can be attractive to a wide range of law librarians: government, academic, law firm.

Think about what's next in the profession. Keep your scholarship focused on the future. Write about your own expertise. Your daily experiences can inform other readers.

FINDING TIME TO WRITE:

Get an accountability buddy finding time to write and keeping on task can be