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Guidelines for Submissions to The Rule of Law Post

The Rule of Law Post welcomes submissions on topics related to ethics and the four pillars of national security: defense, diplomacy, development, and democratic governance. Please send your full draft to Christopher Jacobs, CERL Research Fellow, at chjac@law.upenn.edu.

In preparing your submission, please apply these guidelines:

Format: Unless we have agreed with you otherwise, please send us a full draft of your piece in Word, Google Docs, or in the body of your email. Please use at least 11pt font and double spacing in your Word or Google Doc files.

Length: We recommend keeping your piece to between 750-1750 words. While our editors have some flexibility on this, it is highly recommended that you keep your initial submission within these bounds.

Citations: Including citations facilitates our review process and, once published, the links will help improve search engine results for your piece and channel readers to it. Please include citations in footnotes. Whenever possible, include pinpoint cites and weblinks to your sources and cite to original source material. (For example, cite to the relevant Cornell Legal Information Institute ([LII](#)) page, federal or state government regulatory or legislative website, or original [case text](#). Even if a source is behind a paywall, please include the link.

When in doubt, cite and do so as specifically as possible.

If your piece is chosen for publication, our editors will convert your footnotes to hyperlinks as needed.

Bio/Byline: At the end of your draft, please include a bio/byline of no more than 50 words. If you have a web bio, please include a link to it. Feel free to add your Twitter handle.