



AFCC-CA Insights Article Submission Guidelines

Thank you so much for your interest in submitting an article for the California Chapter's newsletter, AFCC-CA Insights. We are delighted to consider your article submission for publication. Please find our submission guidelines detailed below. To submit an article proposal, or if you have any questions or concerns, please use the form on our **SUBMIT AN ARTICLE** page (<https://afcc-ca.org/submit-an-article/>).

Relevance: AFCC-CA encourages article submissions that are tailored to our readership (family law and dependency court professionals) and consistent with the AFCC mission statement (<https://www.afccnet.org/About/Mission-Vision-Values/>):

"AFCC is an interdisciplinary, international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. AFCC promotes a collaborative approach to serving the needs of children among those who work in and with family law systems, encouraging education, research and innovation and identifying best practices."

Quality: The following quality considerations are made regarding the appropriateness of submissions:

- **AFCC-CA Insights articles aim to:**
 - Educate
 - Inspire
 - Empower

Article submissions are reviewed in terms of their relevance to the development of our understanding of the issues raised in family conciliation courts and/or address practical issues and techniques. Specifically, quality articles would be defined as well-written pieces that:

- Aspire to stimulate intellectual reflection on current law
- Inspire research and theory informing the world of family conciliation courts
- Inform strategic best practice and application considerations
- Reference relevant citations to research (e.g., journal articles), law, book, or website sources

Article Types: Articles types that may be appropriate for publication include, but are not limited to:

- Content Area Expertise (including interviews with scholars or experts)
- Best Practice
- Research/Evidence-Based Practice
- Review of Relevant Theoretical Approaches
- How-to/Strategic Perspective (including Q&A)
- Case Law/Sanction Review and Practice Application Considerations
- AFCC-CA or AFCC Announcements

AFCC-CA does not presently publish research studies in our news. High-quality articles that have been previously printed elsewhere can be considered for publication (with appropriate permission).

Advertisement/Marketing: Articles written for the sole purpose of promoting a business or service without a clear educational value may be rejected. Advertisement or marketing material may be published with special consideration and expressed written pre-approval from the AFCC-CA Board.

Format and Length: Articles should be between 2,000 to 5,000 words in length. However, shorter or longer articles will be considered when appropriate for the content area. Please use Microsoft Word for your article submissions and submit any graphics, pictures or logos in high-resolution jpeg format.

Bio and Headshot: Please include a short bio, 100 to 200 words in length. Authors should include a brief description of their professional status and focus of their practice as well as background and complete contact information, including email. Headshots should be high-resolution JPEG or TIFF files.

Additional Items for Consideration:

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