

## FLAFCC Article Submission Guidelines

Thank you so much for your interest in submitting an article for the FLAFCC News. We are delighted to consider your article submission for publication. Please find our submission guidelines detailed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Editors, Jill Sanders, PhD, at [jillsandersphd@msn.com](mailto:jillsandersphd@msn.com) and Ruth Angaran, LCSW at [ruthangaran@gmail.com](mailto:ruthangaran@gmail.com).

**Relevance:** FLAFCC 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 for the FLAFCC publications:

- **FLAFCC Articles aim to:**
  - Educate
  - Inspire
  - Empower
- **Practitioner-Scholar Quality Articles:** Article submissions are reviewed in terms of their scholar and/or practitioner applicability. Specifically, practitioner scholar 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
- FLAFCC or AFCC Announcements

FLAFCC 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).

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**Format and Length:** The FLAFCC News generally publishes articles that are 500 to 1500 words in length. However, 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.

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