

NWLawyer Book Review Guidelines

NWLawyer, the WSBA's official print publication, has a regularly recurring department called "The Literary Lawyer," which features a variety of reviews, book excerpts, and literary articles that are relevant to our readers. Submissions are welcome from WSBA and EAC members, WSBA staff, and other legal professionals in the community.

Please see the guidelines below before submitting a review.

What to Review

You are welcome to review any book that is of interest to you and other WSBA members. This may include law-themed deskbooks/manuals, practice management guides, biographies and memoirs, Washington legal history, other nonfiction, or fiction. This could also include non-law-themed books that you have found inspirational, important, or relevant to a broader audience. Both print and e-book formats are acceptable.

NWLawyer maintains a list of review copies that have been sent to us by publishers. In some cases, we can request a book from a publisher for you to review. If you would like to see the list of currently available review copies, or request a specific review copy, contact stephaniep@wsba.org.

What to Include in Your Review

Begin with a brief summary. For nonfiction, a general description of the subject, and perhaps a summary of the book's structure or topics covered, is helpful. For fiction, describe the characters and the main plot setup without giving away any key plot "spoilers" or twists.

Also include your opinion of the book — its strengths and weaknesses, what you liked or disliked, what you learned, and who would benefit from reading it.

If it's available, technical product information is helpful, such as the publisher, publication date, page count, and ISBN. If you don't have access to that information, we can find it and add it to your review.

Length

Book reviews should be around 500–800 words. If your review exceeds this word count, it may be edited for length. Longer articles (such as author interviews) are subject to the *NWLawyer* editorial calendar. Please contact stephaniep@wsba.org if you have questions about writing a long-form article.

Grammar and Style

Generally, *NWLawyer* follows AP style, although we also have our own house style guide that supersedes AP rules. We encourage you to write in the style that is most comfortable for you. Submissions may be edited for grammar and clarity.

Author Credit

In addition to your review, please submit a bio of no more than 50 words and an electronic photo of yourself, so we can credit you. Photos should be at least 100x100 pixels.

How to Submit a Review

Email your submission and images to nwlawyer@wsba.org. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Perry at stephaniep@wsba.org.