#### NEURODIVERSITY IN LAW PRESENTS

# **The Journal**

# So you are interested in writing for us?

Brilliant! This is our guide on how and what to write about.

## Themes we are particularly interested in are:

- NEURODIVERSITY IN LEGAL PRACTICE
- EDUCATION AND DISCRIMINATION
- NEURODIVERGENT IDENTITY
- CULTURE AND INTERSECTIONALITY
- CASE LAW REVIEWS
- TIPS AND TRICKS FOR LAWYERS
- DAYS IN THE LIFE
- THE SCIENCE OF NEURODIVERSITY
- BOOK REVIEWS
- ADVOCACY

### Grammar, spelling and punctuation

You can't go wrong with the BBC Style Guide: Grammar, spelling and punctuation (bbc.co.uk)

## **Topics and Titles**

We would love you to write about something you are passionate about. You are encouraged to come up with your own topics and titles for articles. We can help you hone in on what you want to talk about or give you an article title ourselves if you need assistance.

Try to avoid writing something that's been written about a million other times. If you've got an original take on it or want to review the current discourse on a subject, fantastic. Check via Google if there is already a piece on your topic, and distinguish yours.

## Word Count

If you're doing a **full article**, anywhere between <u>800 to 2,000 words</u>.

If you're choosing to do a **book or case review**, between <u>600 and 1200 words</u> is ideal.



## **Tone of Voice Tips**

We are looking for *informative*, *insightful*, *trendy*, *entertaining* and *analytical* content.

Please **don't go too academic** whilst writing. We want content to be **engaging** without feeling like it's a **chore** to read. Think The New York Times, Pitchfork or something like *this CNN article*.

Keep your words **simple** enough so that most people can understand what you're going on about without having to reach for a dictionary every other sentence. Scientific or complexities that would otherwise require a lot of words to explain are fine; just try to keep it to a minimum.

Don't be afraid to use **footnotes** for **references or hyperlinks** to other websites or resources.

### Please avoid using AI-generated content.

It is fine for an initial structure and task initiation, but we will be able to tell if the piece is not written by you.

If you want to send us a sample of your article to check that it is aligned with The Journal's premise, you are more than welcome to do so!

And above all else, make it fun! If you are bored reading it back, we promise anyone reading it will be too. That doesn't mean pack it with jokes and puns. It is more if you want to add a comment that puts a wry smile on a reader's face, then go for it.

## We look forward to reading your work!



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