

CANADIAN  
**DEFENCE**  
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## CDL Editorial Guidelines (Hearsay)

### Editorial Policy

Editorial content submitted to Canadian Defence Lawyers (“CDL”) shall adhere to the guidelines set put in this policy. Articles will be vetted by CDL to ensure they adhere to these guidelines.

### Introduction

CDL is a national organization comprised of members of the defence bar. Our focus is to address issues of importance to our members, as well as to members of the broader defence community such as claims adjusters, claims managers, risk managers and subject experts.

CDL actively publishes articles that address issues relevant to our members. This includes *Hearsay*, a quarterly newsletter published by CDL. CDL also provides content for each issue of *Claims Canada*, a national publication directed at independent loss adjusters, claims managers, risk managers, and various other members of the insurance and risk management industries.

### Content

Content submitted to CDL for consideration should address topics of interest to our members. This includes topics relating to the defence of civil actions, with a strong focus on insurance law.

CDL is specifically interested in:

- case comments on recent decisions;
- analysis of changing areas of law;
- strategies, best practices or professionalism in a defence-oriented legal practice.

Though not necessarily required in every case, CDL is primarily interested in articles that provide commentary on an issue, rather than simply a summary of the law, issue or decision.

Although CDL is a national organization, content for *Hearsay* does not need to have a national focus. Regional content is encouraged so long as it addresses issues of importance to our members. However, where the content addresses an issue specific to a certain jurisdiction (e.g. local *Rules of Civil Procedure*,

province specific legislation, etc.), some explanation of the background to the issue is encouraged.

### Requirements

All articles must accurately state the law as it relates to issues discussed in the article. All statutes and cases must be quoted with 100% accuracy, with proper citations as per the *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation*. Wherever possible, cases should be cited using dual citations, with at least one neutral citation.

Articles should be submitted with a title along with the author's name, law firm or organization, and a brief biography of the author.

There is no specific minimum or maximum article length, though articles should generally be more than 500 words and less than 1,300 words.

Authors should write in the third person. Articles written in the first or second person are discouraged.

Wherever possible, articles should be written in plain English and overly technical or legal language should be avoided where possible. That being said, prospective authors can assume that the audience is generally knowledgeable about the law and can avoid explaining basic legal concepts, though legally matters of a regional nature should be accompanied by some explanation to provide background and context.

Timely submission of articles is essential. When an author contacts CDL with interest in submitting an article for consideration, they will be provided with a deadline by which that article is due. Failure to adhere to such a timeline may result in the article not being considered.

Articles that engage in inflammatory, derisive, or abusive language towards an individual or organization will not be considered.