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Editorial Process

Every article submitted for publication in the RMMLF Journal will be reviewed by the Journal's Editorial Board. The editorial process generally follows these steps:

1. Articles submitted should be ready for publication, and must conform to the Publication Standards set out below. Accuracy of both substantive content and citations is the sole responsibility of the author.
2. The Foundation may further edit the approved article to conform to the RMMLF Journal's editorial style standards, but substantive editing will **not** be performed.
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- **Quotations:** Lengthy quotations should be used only if necessary. Long quotations or excerpts of 50 words or more should be indented, without quotation marks.
- **Format and Length:** Manuscript length should not exceed 15,000 words, and article titles should be no longer than twelve (12) words. Subheadings are encouraged, and should be a maximum of eight (8) words.