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Dear Candidate for Publication:

This has been an exciting year for the Southern Region Black Law Students Association (SRBLSA) Law Journal. It has been a year of great expansion and change. The Journal, which is the representative Black voice for law students and practitioners living in the South, is now able to receive submissions from all races, ethnicities and locations from across the country! We are able to expand the Journal because it has attracted a great academic and professional audience in the Black community.

We are currently seeking submissions to the fourth volume. The theme for the Volume IV is "Promoting a Fit America: Trimming the Health Disparities Faced by Black Americans." We encourage candidates for publication to submit articles, notes, or comments that discuss Health Issues and Disparities in the Black Community generally. Focus on issues that are the consequences of the legal system. If you cannot think of a topic, possible article ideas are listed below. Publication by the Journal provides excellent exposure for authors. To assure publication in the current volume, final drafts should be submitted by December 1, 2008. Although we may accept meritable drafts after that date on a case-by-case basis, complying with this deadline allows the Editorial staff to better assist authors with suggestions and recommendations.

Submit all final drafts via the electronic submission page on the SRBLSA Law Journal website, available at http://www.srblsalawjournal.org/electronic_submissions.html. For more information on the SRBLSA Law Journal or its Volume IV publication, please visit www.srblsalawjournal.org.

Respectfully,
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Possible Article Ideas

1. The disparate impact of Type II Diabetes in the Black community.
2. The increasing number of Black women infected with AIDS/HIV, coupled with the lackadaisical attitude the U.S. government has adopted.
3. Tainted Legislation: What are the legal impacts on healthcare disparities?
4. Healthcare in the cross-hair of race and class.
5. Bisexuality and the Black Community? Is it a Crime? (HIV rates and black women - Partner notification - can doctors legally notify spouses that their partners are exposing themselves/ or are HIV positive)
6. Everything to Lose: Trans Fat; the Real Story (FDA rules on how companies should label products containing trans fat- lower income black families tend to consume foods high in trans fat because they are lower cost, and readily available)
7. Falling Through the Cracks: Small Business Owners and Access to Health Insurance (Small business owners in the black community tend not to self-insure)
8. "Medical Liability/Products Liability: How Bad is it?"
9. Do Blacks' attitudes toward institutions (government, education, hospitals, healthcare) impact their ability to receive good medical treatment? Does that attitude impact the medical establishments ability to deliver good treatment?
10. How do gender roles in the black community affect black health?
11. What are the participation rates of blacks in psychotherapy? If arguably small, why and do blacks have effective other means of addressing psychological issues?
12. When does the denial of a prison inmates request for healthcare (whether medical or mental health) rise to the level of violating constitutional prohibitions against "cruel and usual punishment."
13. Tax law/policy is biased against lower-income people who do not qualify for Medicaid (e.g. in order to get government subsidy one has to have enough money to pay for health insurance, pay taxes, and have those health insurance expenditures reach a certain threshold percentage of income)
14. The Family Medical Leave Act, which was implemented by Clinton to help family members keep their jobs when a relative became sick and that person needed to take days off from work, has been chipped at by President George W. Bush. What is the future of this law?

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15. Sickle Cell Anemia- a predominately African-American blood disorder. How many African American's survive the disease and are they getting the proper health care to do so.
16. African-American infant mortality rates: Why are they double the amount of White infant mortality rates?
17. The vast prevalence of diabetes in the African-American community and why it is 70% higher than that of Whites.