Behavioral Sciences and the Law: Special Issue on Sexual Abuse

Call for Papers

Behavioral Sciences & the Law announces a forthcoming special issue on Sexual Abuse, to be edited by Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M., and Nicholas Scurich, Ph.D. Recent social movements, high-profile criminal indictments and large organizational scandals have made evident that sexual abuse, including child molestation and rape, is often underreported and undetected. This special issue of Behavioral Sciences and the Law broadly explores the implications of sexual abuse underreporting. Some possible topics include: (1) elucidation of factors that reduce the likelihood victims will disclose sexual abuse; (2) understanding factors that impede the detection of sexual abuse; (3) reviewing methods that can increase the detection of sexual abuse; (4) data regarding the prevalence of sexual abuse that account for underreporting/non-detection; (5) estimating recidivism rates that account for underreporting/non-detection; and (6) addressing legal liability of organizations or professionals for failing to detect or report sexual abuse.

Manuscripts should be 20 to 30 doubled-spaced typewritten pages and should comply with the editorial and referencing style of the most recent edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association or the Harvard Law Review’s The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (but not both). Specific stylistic requirements can be found in a recent copy of the journal, or can be obtained via direct communication with the journal’s editors (Chris Slobogin, Charles Ewing and Alan Felthous).

To expedite processing, submit your manuscript electronically. Authors should use e-mail attachment, with the manuscript readable in Windows-based MS Word or Word Perfect formats. Manuscripts must be received before August 1, 2020. However, if you plan to submit or are thinking about submitting, we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible. Please submit electronically to:

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