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GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

A. Types of Submissions accepted by the NLIU Law Review:

Manuscripts on any topic of contemporary legal relevance meeting the below-mentioned criteria:

- Articles: 5,000-10,000 words
- Case Notes: 2,000-5,000 words
- Legislative Comments: 1,000-3,000 words
- Book Reviews: 1,000-3,000 words

The word limit is exclusive of the abstract, and exclusive of footnotes.

B. General Submission Guidelines:

- Manuscripts submitted to the journal must not be co-authored by more than two persons.
- Manuscripts must include an abstract of 250-300 words. The abstract must highlight the structure and the essence of the manuscript.
- Submissions must be made only through the electronic form available on our website.
- All submissions must be in (.docx) format. They must be word processed and compatible with Microsoft Word 2007 or above.
- Submissions must be made on or before **23:59 hours on July 18, 2021**.
- The manuscript should not contain any information that can be used to identify the author. All relevant details must be mentioned only within the form attached.
- Manuscripts not in conformity with these guidelines may be rejected at the sole discretion of the editors. The editors reserve the right to send the manuscripts back to the authors for any modification(s) at any stage, in the event of non-conformity with any of the submission guidelines.

C. Citation Standards:

- Citations must strictly conform to the standards laid down in *The Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities* (4th ed., 2012).
- Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation.
- Speaking or substantive footnotes are highly discouraged.

D. Style Guidelines:

- Title [Times New Roman, 13 points, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, All Caps, Centre Aligned]
- Abstract [Times New Roman, 11 points, 1.0 line spacing, Italics, Justified]
- Heading Level 1 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, Small Caps, Centre Aligned]
- Heading Level 2 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing, Italics, Capitalize each word, Centre Aligned]
- Heading Level 3 [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 line spacing, Italics, Capitalize each word, Left Aligned]
- Main Body [Times New Roman, 11 points, 1.15 line spacing, Justified, 1-inch margins on all sides]
- Footnotes [Times New Roman, 9 points, 1.0 line spacing, Justified]

E. Parameters for Evaluation:

I. Technical Review

All submissions made to the NLIU Law Review must be original and devoid of any plagiarized content. Plagiarism check is the first level of scrutiny every manuscript shall be subjected to and it shall be conducted in two stages. The Editorial Board reserves the sole right to reject a manuscript, without review, if any instance of plagiarism is detected.

- A manuscript having no footnotes shall be rejected at Stage I of Plagiarism Check as it will not meet the minimum criteria of the Law Review.
- Paraphrasing as well as verbatim usage of content without appropriate citation of authorities shall qualify as plagiarism.
- Any instance of plagiarism in the Introduction or Conclusion of the manuscript is a ground for immediate disqualification of the manuscript.

- Secondary plagiarism (plagiarism of the sources relied upon) is a ground for immediate disqualification of the manuscript.

II. Content Review

Manuscripts which are not rejected at the Technical Review stage undergo Content Review. The Content Review is conducted in two stages wherein the manuscripts which are fit for publication *as is*, or do not require significant changes are shortlisted for peer review. The manuscripts are evaluated in Content Review on the following five parameters:

a. Grammar and Language

The language of the manuscript must be crisp and concise. A direct statement or argument would be preferred over an indirect one and minimum use of passive voice is recommended. Author(s) must be familiar with the usage of a term used in the manuscript. The author(s) may be marked down for unnecessary repetition, long-winded sentences and irrelevant rhetoric.

b. Structure and Logical Coherence

The manuscript must be logically sound and appropriate for the objective it seeks to achieve. Author(s) may be marked down for arguments based on incorrect premises or presumptions, the lack of a clear structure or the lack of a proper logical flow.

c. Contribution to Existing Literature

If the topic of the manuscript is one which has been written about extensively in the past, the author(s) must consider what the contribution of the manuscript to the discussion is. Merely quoting and/or summarizing precedents would be inadequate. On the other hand, writing in a more innovative manner would be more appreciated.

d. Contemporary Relevance

Manuscripts are expected to include recent developments on the topic. A manuscript is considered to possess contemporary relevance when it deals with trending societal issues and legal issues that have not been given the attention they deserve. The topic may also be one that has faded from public memory but has reemerged for some reason. The relevance of the particular topic should be highlighted by the author(s) in the introduction.

e. Referencing and Research

The manuscript must reflect in-depth, and not just superficial, research. The author needs to be aware of what citation is required in the circumstances, when to cite (and when not to cite) and the relevance of that citation.