



GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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

- Manuscripts = 5000-10000 words
- Case notes = 2000-5000 words
- Legislative Comments = 1000-3000 words
- Book reviews = 1000-3000 words

B. Submission Guidelines :

Plagiarism check is the first level of scrutiny every manuscript shall go through. Each manuscript shall conform strictly to the plagiarism guidelines and any instance of plagiarism* over and above the permissible limit shall make the manuscript liable for immediate rejection.

There shall be two stages of plagiarism check:

- At Stage I, a maximum of 6 instances of plagiarism shall be permitted. Any manuscript having more than six instances of plagiarism shall be rejected.
- The manuscripts accepted through Stage I shall go to Stage II of the Plagiarism review. In Stage II, a maximum of three instances maybe permitted. These three instances of plagiarism shall not affect the essence or the originality of the article and the discretion to determine this shall solely rest with the editors.
- Further, if the manuscript seems to conform to other requirements of the Law Review and has less than three instances of plagiarism which do not affect the essence of the article, the editors may send it back to the author/s for modification.
- Any manuscript with more than three instances of plagiarism shall be rejected.
- Paraphrasing as well as verbatim lifting of content without appropriate citation of authorities shall qualify as plagiarism. Any instance of plagiarism in the Introduction or Conclusion of the manuscript shall not be permitted.
- Secondary plagiarism (i.e plagiarism of the sources relied on) is strictly prohibited.
- A manuscript having no footnotes shall be rejected at Stage I of Plagiarism Check itself since it does not meet the minimum criteria of the Law Review.
- The citation format shall be according to the 20th Edition of the Bluebook and shall be strictly adhered to by the author/s.

***Note:** An instance of plagiarism maybe one sentence, a part of one sentence, a part of a paragraph or an entire paragraph, depending upon the quantity of the plagiarized content.

C. The five parameters that the NLIU Law Review evaluates manuscripts on are:

- **Grammar/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 to the author/s. Author/s must be familiar with the usage of a term used in the manuscript. The author/s must consider the impact of each sentence in the manuscript, since they may be marked down for unnecessary repetition, long-winded sentences and irrelevant rhetoric.

- **Structure/Logical Coherence**

The manuscript must be logically sound and appropriate for its purpose. Authors are frequently marked down for arguments based on incorrect premises and presumptions as well as the lack of clear structure.

- **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 precedents to talk about a particular topic would be inadequate. On the other hand, writing in a more innovative manner would be more appreciated.

- **Contemporary Relevance**

Manuscripts are expected to include recent developments concerning the topic. A manuscript dealing with trending societal issues and legal issues that have not been given the attention they deserve would be contemporarily relevant. The topic may also be one that has faded from public memory but has re-emerged for some reason, such a topic must then be dealt adequately in both the past as well as the current scenarios. The reason for dealing with such a topic maybe included by the author/s in the introduction.

- **Referencing and Research**

The manuscript must reflect an in-depth and not just superficial research. The author needs to be aware of what kind of citation is required in the circumstances, when to cite (and when not to cite) and the relevancy of that citation. Manuscripts on policy will need different references than a highly technical paper.

D. Other guidelines:

- a) The abstract must contain the entire structure and logic of the paper.
- b) Submission should be accompanied with a covering letter including author's name, email ID, mobile number and College/University name.
- c) The manuscript must not contain any mention of or reference to the author's name, affiliation or credentials. These details must only be mentioned in the covering letter.
- d) There must be consistency in capitalization, organization, etc.
- e) The submission and style guidelines are to be followed strictly. Manuscripts not following these guidelines may be rejected at the sole discretion of the editor.

E. Format and Submission dates:

The manuscript must be submitted in .doc/ .docx format and must be emailed at nliu.lawreview@gmail.com before 23:59 hrs, 29th January, 2017.