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Authors intending to submit manuscripts to the NLIU Law Review must ensure their work complies fully with the following detailed criteria and formatting specifications. Manuscripts that fail to meet these eligibility requirements may be rejected outright or returned for revision at the discretion of the Editorial Board.

A. Original Contribution

Contribution to the Journal shall be accepted only if they are genuine and original. Manuscripts must not have been previously published or simultaneously submitted elsewhere.

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Manuscripts may be co-authored by a maximum of two (02) authors. Joint authorship beyond two persons shall not be entertained.

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The order of authorship shall be determined by the authors themselves, based on their relative contributions. The first author shall ordinarily be considered the corresponding author.

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Authorship shall not be attributed to Artificial Intelligence tools, including ChatGPT or similar programs.

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Once a manuscript is accepted for publication, no addition, deletion, or change in the order of authors shall be permitted. Requests for changes prior to acceptance must be supported by a written request from all concerned authors and will be subject to the discretion of the Editorial Board.

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Authors must provide complete details including full name, institutional affiliation, postal address, email ID, and mobile number at the time of submission.

G. Conflict of Interest

It is the explicit responsibility of authors to disclose any conflicts of interest related to the manuscript. Such disclosures contribute to maintaining transparency and trust in the review and publication process.

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i. The NLIU Law Review welcomes manuscripts on any topic of contemporary legal relevance, subject to the following word limits (exclusive of abstract and footnotes):

1. Articles: 4,000–10,000 words
2. Case notes: 2,000–5,000 words
3. Legislative Comments: 1,000–3,000 words
4. Book reviews: 1,000–3,000 words

ii. General Submission Guidelines-:

- Manuscripts must not be co-authored by more than two persons.
- Each author or team may submit only one manuscript at a time.
- Authors will be informed about the status of their manuscripts after every stage of review. Requests for expedited review are not entertained.
- Manuscripts not adhering to the submission guidelines may be rejected outright or returned for revision at the Editorial Board's discretion.

- The Editorial Board reserves the right to waive or amend any guidelines as deemed necessary. Editorial decisions are final and binding in case of any ambiguity or dispute.

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- Manuscript must follow the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (4th ed., 2012).
- Only footnotes are accepted for citations.
- Inclusion of speaking or substantive footnotes (those that introduce unrelated arguments or substantive discussions) are prohibited.

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- Title: Times New Roman, 14 pt, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, All Caps, Centre Aligned
- Abstract: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.15 line spacing, Italics, Justified, 2 cm indent on both sides
- Heading Level 1: Times New Roman, 14 pt, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, Capitalize Each Word, Small Caps, Centre Aligned (Numbering: I, II, III, ...)
- Heading Level 2: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, Italics, Sentence case, Centre Aligned (Numbering: A, B, C, ...)
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- Main Body Text: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.15 line spacing, Justified, 1-inch margins
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- Acronyms/short forms must be fully spelled out at first instance with the acronym in parentheses; thereafter, the acronym alone can be used.
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- Numbers are to be written out in words; the percentage symbol (%) is acceptable.

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Authors will be informed of manuscript status after every review stage—technical check, content review, and peer review. However, requests for expedited review will not be entertained. Authors should expect a thorough process committed to academic rigour but respecting timelines.

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