
The INDIAN JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Call for Papers

The Indian Journal of Constitutional Law invites submissions for its twelfth issue, to be published in 2024. In its decade-long history, the Journal has borne witness to outstanding scholarship from leading and budding scholars of our time, spanning the breadth of professors, researchers, and students. This will be a special edition, owing to the festive occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of NALSAR, our home institution. This edition will feature, in addition to our general repertoire of unsolicited pieces, solicited pieces from our alumni. All pieces are subject to the same review process consisting of multiple rounds of examination.

Instructions for Authors

Contributions are solicited under the following heads:

1. Articles – 4,500 – 7,000 words

Articles should contain sustained analysis on legal topics. They may be either doctrinal or theoretical (or both) and must comprehensively deal with all relevant literature on the chosen subject to formulate well-reasoned positions. An Article is therefore ordinarily conservative in its method of analysis.

2. Essays – 3,000 – 4,500 words

Essays, in comparison with Articles, are usually more adventurous in their method, and seek to challenge existing legal paradigms or innovatively address well known problems. It is strongly recommended that essays be considerably more concise, in terms of scope and conceptualization. Fresh approaches to be decided issues are encouraged.

3. Case comments and legislative comments – 1,500 – 3,000 words

Case comments should be a study of any contemporary judicial pronouncement (Indian or foreign) and must contain its analysis, the context in which it has been delivered, its contribution to existing law, and must necessarily comment on the judicial process involved. Legislative comments entail a critical analysis of any existing Indian legislation or proposed Bills and their constitutional implications. Critical, comparative pieces dealing with similar issues across jurisdictions are encouraged.

4. Other submissions – 1,500-3,000 words

Other pieces that do not specifically fall into any of the aforementioned sections will also be considered. The Board specifically solicits Book Reviews, short responses to previous publications and notes on an author's practical experiences in constitutional litigation, judgment deliberation, legislative drafting, etc.

All word limits are **exclusive** of footnotes.

The contributions should adhere to the following specifications:

1. **Citation Format:** All submissions must conform to the **Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities, (4th Edition)** citation system. (The same can be accessed at

https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf.)

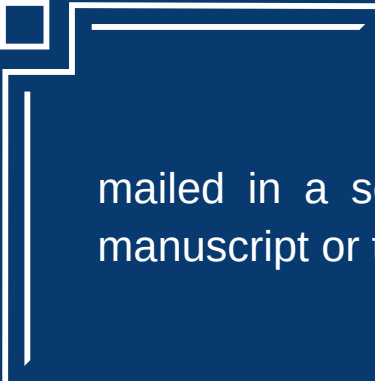
Speaking footnotes are not discouraged. A submission that is either insufficiently cited or is seen as not adhering to the citation format will be deemed as rejected.

2. **Font specifications:** The body of the manuscript should be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with single line spacing.


3. **Abstract:** Every submission must be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 350 words that outlines the area of study and any important conclusions that may be drawn by the author(s).

4. **Joint Contributions:** Collaborative articles and essays by up to two authors shall also be considered.

5. **Authors:** Authors must submit their designations, current institutional affiliations, email and postal addresses and other such relevant details. Such details shall be



mailed in a separate document and must not appear anywhere in the manuscript or the abstract.



Submission of Contributions:

Submissions should contain the manuscript, abstract, and authors' details in **three separate documents**. All documents must be in Microsoft Word's **.doc or .docx** format only. Submissions must **only be in the form of electronic copies**. Your submissions will be acknowledged within 48 hours. We follow a peer review process, where the piece is sent out for peer review after two rounds of internal scrutiny by the Editorial Board. In case the submission is accepted, the board shall inform the authors of the Reviewer's comments and the authors will be afforded a reasonable time to submit a revised draft considering the reviewer's comments.

All submissions and other related queries are to be sent to ijcl@nalsar.ac.in

Deadline:

To be considered for the next issue of the journal (2024), we expect the submissions to reach us before **November 30th, 2023**.

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