

SCLS LAW REVIEW
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CALL FOR PAPERS

1- Scope and Eligibility

The SCLS Law Review is a freely-available open-access online journal publishing scholarly articles. The SCLS Law Review will provide a unique forum for all those who are interested in legal studies to present their scholarly contributions. The unique offering of the SCLS Law Review is that it allows for publication on multi-dimensional legal studies. In addition, it proactively encourages analytical and comparative studies. Papers that investigate legal issues from single or multiple vantage points whether topically or jurisdictionally are equally welcomed, as are papers examining law-related interdisciplinary work. The journal is intended as a showcase for legal scholars from undergraduate and postgraduate students and early career scholars to well-established academics and legal practitioners.

2- Editorial Board

The SCLS Review is run by Senior Law students assisted by an Academic member of SCLS.

3- Publication Frequency

The journal is published in three issues a year.

The first issue is published in January (Submission period is 01 July – 31 October of the previous year).

Second issue is published in May (Submission period is 01 November of the previous year- 28 February of the same year).

The third issue in September (Submission period is 01 March – 30 June of the same year).

4- Submission and Editorial Process

All submissions are subject to a blind-review process. After an initial reading by the Editorial Board to establish suitability, we shall operate a two stages peer review process. Firstly, an appointed editor is invited to comment on the manuscript. Depending on their recommendations, we accept, advise minor revisions, request major revision and resubmission, or reject. When amendments are advised, we will agree a deadline with the author for returning the revised manuscript to us. In the case of major revision, we will approach one of the previous peer reviewers to consider the piece again. Once their comments have been returned then we make a final decision: accept further minor revisions or reject.

5- Electronic Submission

All submissions must be submitted online and through e-mail. The journal does not accept hardcopy submissions.

6- Author Guidelines

Authors must submit their details, titles, abstracts and manuscripts through SCLS email account: mc.scls17@gmail.com. To assist with blind peer review please anonymise the manuscript by giving your name and contact details in the text of your email message.

7- Word Count

Long article: Up to 6,000 words. Short article: Up to 4,000 words. Note, book review, and case note: Up to 2000 words.

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9- Preparation of Submissions

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check off their submission’s compliance with all of the following items, and submissions may be returned to authors that do not adhere to these guidelines.

1. All submissions must be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 300 words.
2. You promise warrant that the article is your original work and submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another journal for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor).
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4. The submission file is in Microsoft Word document file format.
5. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
6. The text is single-spaced; uses a 12-point Times New Roman font; employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses); and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
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