



## **SCHOOL OF LAW**

### **UPES LAW REVIEW**

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#### **About the SCHOOL OF LAW, UPES**

School of Law, UPES was established in 2007 in Dehradun as College of Legal Studies (COLS). It is one of the best and foremost multidisciplinary law schools in India. Its accomplishments has moved it to the pinnacle of legal education by creating expertise in the highly expanding and dynamic areas of Energy, Corporate, Taxation, Intellectual Property and Cyber laws. The objective at School of Law is to produce competent and strong global legal professionals for the future who contribute in nation building. Global corporations across the world need legal guidance for execution of various corporate affairs such as collaborations, mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures, technology transfers, issues in intellectual property rights, labor laws etc. To cater these needs School of Law includes programs like techno-legal programs such as LLM with specialization in Energy Laws and several specialized programs including B.Tech. LL.B. with specialization in Cyber Laws and IPR which is a field of prime importance in the future. The programs, at School of Law, enable students to develop strong legal acumen that would help them handle the complexities in legal matters of the entities they associate with and guide them through. The curriculum is a mix of general legal concepts and technical/business aspects that have an impact on judicial practices. The programs are designed by expert faculty with active participation from technical experts from the industry and profession.

#### **UPES LAW REVIEW**

UPES Law Review is the leading academic journal emanating and embracing legal scholarship, published by School of Law, UPES, Dehradun. It had its inception in 2013 when it published its first volume and received the ISSN Number: 2347-9620 and RNI number. Its superior reputation is reflected in the excellent quality of the articles published in its previous four editions and this flagship journal is about to enter its fifth publication cycle this year. The Law Review maintains its high standards for publication and also practices the highest level of integrity, transparency and consistency towards creating a landscape to promote qualitative and scholarly research.

#### **VISION AND MISSION OF UPES LAW REVIEW**

1. To provide a platform to learned and erudite scholars from diverse fields motivated towards enhancing academic and legal research.
2. To develop critical and cognitive faculties and interdisciplinary approach in legal research and create an ambience that contributes to the overall development of legal writing.

3. To create and maintain highest level of qualitative and original material ensuring zero tolerance of plagiarized material in manuscript.
4. To encourage innovation in legal writing and contribute towards the field of legal education our excellent publishing services.
5. To emerge as a leading academic journal, both at nationally and globally in the realm of publishing.
6. To accelerate the dissemination of knowledge through the publication of high quality research articles.
7. To hone and refine the research and legal writing skills of the learned scholars whose endeavours are to spread their knowledge through their innovative ideas and create a coherent and consistent world for our betterment.

### **SCOPE OF UPES LAW REVIEW**

The Law Review does not restrict itself to domain specific legal research. Therefore, scholars/experts from diverse legal fields and domain are encouraged to contribute their research work for publication in the Law Review. UPES Law Review is a peer-reviewed journal with an Internal Editorial board and Expert Review Board comprising of experts from the diverse legal areas. The Law Review is published with an objective to provide a platform to judges, jurists, academicians, legal practitioners and young scholars to express their views on diverse legal issues involving complex legal questions. The Law Review intends to further promote interdisciplinary research, thus it accepts manuscripts from diverse areas of law and policy. Law Review may also identify a theme for a particular year, and accordingly publish Call for Papers, as has been done this year, i.e. 2020.

With the global outbreak of novel coronavirus and the rising number of confirmed COVID19 cases in India, the country has been on high alert. The Governments all over the world have taken several steps to contain the spread of the virus including the closure of businesses, mandatory quarantines, travel restrictions and lockdowns. Keeping up with such a contemporary scenario, the Editorial Board has chosen to accept submissions pertaining to the theme “*Covid 19: Impact on Law and Policy*” with respect to the upcoming Vth Volume of the Law Review.

**THE EDITORIAL BOARD** shall comprise of:

I. Internal Editorial Board

- Patron – Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Sunil Rai
- Editor-in-Chief: Dean, School of law, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh
- Associate Editors- Dr. Ashish Verma and Dr. Mamta Rana, Head of Department, School of Law
- Managing Editor – Dr. Shilpika Pandey, Assistant Professor, School of Law
- Executive Editor – Aratrika Deb, Assistant Professor, School of Law

## II. Expert Peer-Review Board

- A dynamic expert peer-review board shall comprise of senior academicians, industry experts, judges associated with other universities and institutions and the same shall be updated by the Editorial Board with inclusion and addition of more experts with every new edition or volume of the Review.

**The Advisory Board** shall comprise of members of the Advisory Board to School of Law and other eminent experts who shall also serve in the same capacity to the Law Review

- Hon'ble Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former Judge Supreme Court of India and Chairperson National Green Tribunal
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- Poonam Verma, Corporate Counsel, Energy and Transportation Sector
- Anurag Batra, Chairman and Editor in Chief, BW Businessworld
- Dr. Jitendra K. Pandey, Associate Dean, R&D, UPES

### **Objectives of the Internal Editorial Board Members:**

- The members shall help in identifying new topics for the journals, special editions, if they deem fit, and advising on the overall direction for the journal, giving feedback on past issues and making suggestions for both subject matter and potential authors.
- The members shall approach potential contributors and provide content themselves by writing occasional editorials and other short articles.
- The members shall be responsible for a fast and transparent peer review process and ensure honesty and transparency; and avoid any conflict of interest.
- The members shall further be responsible to convey the expectations of the journal to the reviewers with the review scope, quality and timeliness for an effective, fair and constructive review for the assigned submission.
- The members shall be ensure confidentiality and not reveal any information regarding the author, reviewer or the article information to anyone outside the Board members.
- The members shall ensure timely publication of the volume.
- The members shall take responsive measures when ethical concerns are raised with regard to a submitted manuscript or published paper. Every reported act of unethical publishing behavior will be looked into, even if it is discovered years after publication. If, on investigation, the ethical concern is well-founded, a correction, retraction, expression of concern or other note as may be relevant, will be published in the journal.
- The final decision with respect to the selection of the submission will rest with the Chairman. He shall be responsible for deciding which of the manuscripts submitted to the journal will be published, based on the validation of the work in question, its importance to researchers and readers, the Advisory Board members' and reviewers'

comments, and such legal requirements as are currently in force regarding libel, copyright infringement and plagiarism. The Chairman may confer with other editors or reviewers in making this decision.

- The members shall adhere to the guidelines and protocols of the publishing house.
- The members shall additionally, endorse the journal to authors, readers and subscribers and encourage colleagues to submit their best work and promote the journal to academicians and scholars associated with other institutions.

### **Objectives of Expert Peer-Review Board Members:**

- The members shall evaluate submitted manuscripts exclusively on the basis of their academic merit, importance, originality, study's validity, clarity and its relevance to the journal's scope, without regard to bias or existing prejudices.
- The members shall not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than through official communication from UPES Law Review.
- The members shall not use unpublished information disclosed in a submitted manuscript for their own research purposes without the authors' explicit written consent. Privileged information or ideas obtained by editors as a result of handling the manuscript will be kept confidential and not used for their personal advantage. Editors will recuse themselves from considering manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships/connections with any of the authors, companies or institutions connected to the submission, as soon as it comes to their notice.

### **PUBLICATION AND ETHICS**

UPES Law Review acknowledges that publication of an article in a peer-reviewed journal is an essential building block in the development of a coherent and respected network of knowledge. It is a direct reflection of the quality of work of the author and the institutions that support them. Thus, the following standards of ethical behavior are to be maintained by the Law Review:

1. Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the manuscript.
2. The authors should ensure that they have written entirely original works, and if the authors have used the work and/or words of others that this has been appropriately cited or quoted.
3. The authors should not in general publish manuscripts describing essentially the same research in more than one journal or primary publication.
4. The authors should ensure proper acknowledgment of the resources used in his research.
5. All submissions must include disclosure of all relationships that could be viewed as presenting a potential conflict of interest.
6. The authors of reports should present an accurate account of the work performed as well as an objective discussion of its significance.
7. When an author discovers a significant error or inaccuracy in his/her own published work, it is the author's obligation to promptly notify the Editorial Board of the Law Review and cooperate with the Editor to retract or correct the paper.

## **PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY:**

All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and must not have been submitted for publication in any other journal. Any plagiarized work will be out-rightly rejected. A contributor's submission for publication will not be considered until a fully completed Plagiarism Policy and Declaration of Academic Integrity are submitted to the Editorial Board. The Academic Integrity Policy of the Law Review identifies Plagiarism as

- Using an author's ideas without appropriately crediting the author;
- Paraphrasing text from an author's work without appropriately crediting the author;
- Duplicating portions of text from an author's work without indicating with either quotation marks or block quote format that the relevant language is directly quoted.

While declaring academic integrity at the time of submission of a manuscript, an author must have carefully read and understood the UPES Law Review Plagiarism and Academic Integrity Policy, and all of the accompanying information. He further must affirm that all work he has submitted is his own, and includes proper and complete credit to all sources used in its preparation, failure to do the same shall result in outright rejection of his manuscript.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The UPES Law Review requests the contributors for compliance to the following guidelines:

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

All manuscripts must be submitted in English. Authors must ensure that all submissions are exclusive to UPES Law Review. All submitted articles are subject to peer review. All the authors are expected to maintain high standards with respect to publication ethics.

### **SUBMISSION HEADS AND WORD LIMITS (Including Footnotes):**

All submissions must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words, inclusive of 5 keywords.

- Long Articles: 7000 to 10,000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
- Short Articles: 4000 to 6000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
- Case Comment /Legislative Critique & Notes: 3000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
- Book Review: 2000 words (inclusive of footnotes).

(For book reviews, only unsolicited entries are encouraged. It is also required that the book must have been published/reprinted in the last three year from the date of submission).

### **COVER LETTER:**

A cover letter with the name of the author and address, designation, institution/affiliation, the title of the manuscript and contact information (email, phone etc.). UPES Law Review is a peer reviewed journal. Thus, it is expected from the author/authors to not to include their name/affiliation etc. anywhere in the paper except on the cover letter.

**STYLE AND FORMATTING:**

Articles must be in a Microsoft Word-compatible format (.doc or .docx preferred). Articles should be in Times New Roman 12 point font and double-spaced. Main Title should be in full capitals, bold and centered 16 point font. Sub-titles should be in sentence case, bold and 12 point font. Every submission except book reviews are expected to have an abstract of the paper not exceeding 300 words, exactly above the main text and below the main title. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 10 point font with single spacing.

**CITATION FORMAT:**

Authors are requested to use footnotes instead of endnotes. Footnotes should conform to the Bluebook Uniform Style of Citation (20th edition).

**COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT FORM:**

The contributions accepted for publication shall be the intellectual property of UPES Law Review. The Law Review will send the Copyright agreement to the authors of the accepted papers. Duly filled/scanned Copyright Agreement Form should be submitted by authors within 30 days of receipt of agreement. Publication process will not be initiated in absence of the accepted copy of the agreement.

**ARTICLE WITHDRAWAL/RETRACTION**

If an author wishes to retract or withdraw his submission, the same shall be immediately informed to the Editorial Board via email, within two days from the date he receives the notification of acceptance or selection of his paper. The said submission shall be henceforth removed from the electronic repository of the journal.

**HOW TO SUBMIT:**

All submissions are to be made through online submission as per the information contained in the Call for Papers.

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MANUSCRIPT**

The Call for Papers shall indicate a period of one month from the date of release of the former, for the submission of an Abstract. Once the Abstract is selected, the same shall be communicated to the author and he shall be given another month to submit his full paper. Acceptance of abstract is subject to acceptance at final review. The Editorial Board shall be finishing its review of the submitted papers within two months from the last date of submission mentioned in the Call for Papers. The authors shall be informed of the selection of their papers within a week from the end of the peer review. The Editorial Board reserves the right to ask the authors to revise their paper, once selected, based on suggestions the former has received from the Expert Review Board, and additionally any changes pertaining to correction of grammar and referencing that it may deem fit. The authors shall be given a week's time from the day they are informed of the changes required or suggested and shall be expected to incorporate the same.

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