

Submission Guidance

The Editorial Board is keen to receive submissions from students, past and present, of the University of Aberdeen.

Overview

The purpose of the ASLR is to showcase the work of the students of Aberdeen, highlighting the many areas of law which are taught and researched at this university. As such, we welcome submissions on any area of law.

Several types of articles will be considered:

- Case Notes (500 to 1,500 words on a recent judicial development)
- Book Reviews (500 to 1,500 words on a recent publication)
- Essays and Short Articles (1,500 to 4,000 words)
- Full Research Papers (4,000 to 10,000 words)

All the limits specified above include footnotes.

Submissions are welcome from students at all stages, from first year undergraduate to postgraduate PhD level. Students may submit a piece of work which has been written as part of their degree, or may write something specifically for the ASLR.

Articles must provide a critical analysis of a particular area of law, publication or judicial decision. Comment should be original, relevant and aim to make an interesting contribution to the academic debate. Every piece of work is reviewed anonymously by the student Editorial Board, before being sent for peer-review. Submissions may be accepted outright, accepted subject to modification, or rejected. Constructive comments will be sent to the author.

Published articles will be compiled in an annual issue which will be available on HeinOnline and in UK law libraries.

All submissions must conform to the ASLR House Style (see next page of this document) and must be accompanied by a title page (see third page of this document) as well as by a signed declaration of originality (see page four of this document; a Word version can be found on the [ASLR website](#)).

Finally, all submissions (including the title page, declaration of originality and manuscript) must be sent to aslr@abdn.ac.uk under the subject 'Submission for ASLR' by 15 September of every year.

House Style

Please note: The guidelines presented below **MUST** be followed. Failure to do so will result in submissions being returned to the author.

Manuscript

Please submit your manuscript as a Word document (or equivalent).

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12

Line Spacing: Single

Text to be justified.

Paragraphs start flush to the left margin after headings or quotes.

All other paragraphs must be indented (tab once) with no space between them.

Quotations

For specific rules as to how to incorporate quotations in the text, please refer to the latest version of the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities ([OSCOLA](#)).

References

Numbered footnotes should be inserted into the text. These footnotes shall refer to notes containing details of the references which appear at the bottom of the page.

All footnotes must adhere to the latest version of [OSCOLA](#).

Title Page

In addition to their manuscripts and declaration of originality, authors should also attach a document entitled “Title Page” which would include the following:

Title: Concise and informative - no more than 150 characters.

Abstract: A concise and factual abstract is required (up to 200 words). The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research and major conclusions. An abstract is often presented separately from the article, so it must be able to stand alone. For this reason, references should be avoided, but if essential, then cite the author(s) and year(s). Also, non-standard or uncommon abbreviations should be avoided, but if essential they must be defined at their first mention in the abstract itself.

Keywords: Immediately after the abstract, provide a maximum of six keywords, using British spelling and avoiding general and plural terms and multiple concepts (avoid, for example, 'and', 'of'). Using keywords is a vital part of abstract writing, because of the practice of retrieving information electronically: keywords act as the search term. Use keywords that are specific, and that reflect what is essential about the paper.

Author names and collaborations: Use capital letters for surnames to avoid ambiguities. Also, acknowledge any collaboration with external institutions.

History of the paper: Indicate whether the paper was originally drafted as an assignment, dissertation or PG Research, or if it was written directly for publication.

Declaration of Originality

I hereby declare that this paper was entirely my own work and that any additional sources of information have been duly cited. I hereby declare that any internet sources and published or unpublished works from which I have quoted or drawn reference have been referenced fully in the text and in the contents list. In addition, all quotations have been distinguished by quotation marks and the sources of information specifically acknowledged. Where necessary, permission has been obtained for use of copyrighted material from other sources (including sources from the internet). I understand that failure to do this will result in rejection of this project due to non-compliance with the University of Aberdeen’s plagiarism rules.

Please sign below:

If more than one author, please indicate which parts of the paper have been researched and composed by each author below. We also ask you to select one corresponding author.

Corresponding Author	Contribution
Name: Email: Postal address: Telephone: Level & year of study:	
Other Authors	
Name: Level & year of study:	

Submission Checklist

The following list will be useful during the final checking of an article prior to sending it to the journal for review. Please consult the ASLR House Style rules for further details of any item.

Ensure that the following items are present:

One author has been designated as the corresponding author with contact details on the declaration of originality document:

- E-mail address (university or personal)
- Full postal address
- Telephone

All necessary files have been attached:

- declaration of originality
- title page
- manuscript

And:

- Manuscript has been spell-checked and grammar-checked
- Manuscript adheres to ASLR House Style rules
- Footnotes are OSCOLA compliant
- Where necessary, permission has been obtained for use of copyrighted material from other sources (including sources from the internet)