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ABOUT MAGLAW

MAGLAW is a bi-annual publication by the Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, published since 2017. It operates as a peer-reviewed and refereed journal, following a rigorous evaluation and selection process for articles submitted by law students. The journal covers a wide range of legal subjects, including constitutional law, criminal law, international law, intellectual property, human rights, and more.

MAGLAW has an editorial board of law students along with an editorial board consisting faculty members that ensures the quality of the content preliminarily, the student editors are responsible for handling the manuscript submissions, the review process, editing, and final publication. All matters concerning the Journal are overseen by the Editor in Chief.

The primary objective of this journal is to provide a platform for students to contribute their ideas and perspectives on current legal trends. It offers unique and nuanced viewpoints on contemporary legal topics and issues, aiming to encourage critical thinking, ignite debates and conversations, and enhance legal knowledge and understanding.

As a peer-reviewed and refereed journal, MAGLAW follows a strict evaluation process. Submitted manuscripts undergo assessment by qualified reviewers, usually law faculty members or legal professionals. The editorial board and the referees ensure that the publication maintains high-quality standards. Reviewers thoroughly evaluate the articles' quality, relevance, and scholarly rigour before making recommendations for publication. MAGLAW exclusively focuses on publishing original research papers/articles, reviews, and case comments.

The journal serves as an excellent resource for exploring the captivating and ever-changing realm of law. We invite you to join us on this journey as we delve into the intersections of law, society, and justice.



ABOUT THE ISSUE

In its quest of being a medium of exchange for diverse issues, the Editorial Board, after much deliberation, has curated this issue of MAGLAW to be truly multi-faceted, offering a host of themes spanning personality rights and digital identity, women-centric legislation and institutional reform, and a decade of judicial evolution across technology, access, and procedure. This has been done to give knowledge-givers a medium to express their views, and knowledge seekers an opportunity to gain diverse perspectives.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Abstract Submission: till 30th August, 2026 by 11:50p.m.
- Manuscript submission: 30 days after the result for abstract round is declared.

Note: Both the submissions shall be made through OJS, linked on page 7.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

Authors may pick any one of the following theme and one subsequent sub-theme.

1. Women centric legislation - Shield or weapon? Revaluating legislation, institutional failures and equitable path to reform.

- The justice paradox: strategic misuse vs. failure of benefits to marginalised victims due to systemic barriers.
- Judicial responses and procedural safeguards to prevent misuse.
- Economic rights and alimony dilemma: maintenance or extortion.

2. Judicial reforms in the last decade: evaluating structural, technological and procedural evolution.

- AI and Technology in legal sphere : Regulation , Governance and Integrity.
- Access to Justice, Procedural and Institutional Barriers.
- Specialised Adjudication - Tribunal litigation & Jurisdictional Conflicts.

3. Personality rights in modern times: Ownership of identity, commercial value, and free expression.

- Commercializing Identity: Names , voices , monitors and brand value.
- Postmortem rights: AI, deepfakes and digital replicas.
- The gap in law: Need for codification and clear guidelines.

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1. ANONYMITY:

The authors must maintain strict anonymity by not mentioning any personal credentials, names, institutional affiliations, or any other identifying details anywhere in their work, as we are committed to fairness and impartiality during the whole process of publication.

It is required that the authors submit a separate cover letter, in the prescribed format, consisting of their name, course pursued, email ID, institutional affiliation, and contact details, through the Open Journal System (OJS) along with the manuscript.

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Co-authoring of papers among individuals of the same or different institutions is permissible, up to a maximum of two authors per paper. Submissions from student authors with professionals as co-authors will not be considered.

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Only bona-fide students pursuing L.L.B. (three-year and five-year law programmes), L.L.M., or Ph.D in the field of law are eligible to submit.

9. EXCLUSIVITY OF SUBMISSION:

Manuscripts submitted to MAGLAW must be original and submitted solely to MAGLAW. The same manuscript shall not be simultaneously submitted to, or under consideration by, any other journal or publication.

10. ETHICAL STANDARDS

Authors must ensure accuracy in representation of facts and sources. Fraudulent, misleading, or knowingly inaccurate statements constitute unethical conduct.

Note: The authors must submit the undertakings given in annexure, while making the Abstract Submission.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLICATION

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

STAGE ONE – ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: AUTHORS MUST FIRST SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT OF NOT MORE THAN 200 WORDS, ALONG WITH FIVE KEYWORDS, THROUGH THE OJS.

- **Cover Letter and Undertaking:** The abstract submission must be accompanied by a cover letter and a self-declaration/undertaking, as specified in the prescribed format (annexed as Annexure-1 & Annexure-2).
- **Selection of Abstracts:** The submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Editorial Board, and only selected abstracts will be invited to proceed to the manuscript stage.

STAGE TWO – MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION: AUTHORS OF SELECTED ABSTRACTS WILL BE GIVEN ONE MONTH'S TIME FROM THE DATE OF INTIMATION TO SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETE MANUSCRIPT THROUGH THE OJS.

- **Anonymity of Manuscript:** Other than the cover letter, no document submitted by the authors should reflect any personal information, including their name, institutional affiliation, or any other identifying details. Violation of anonymity will render the submission disqualified.
- **Plagiarism Report & AI Report:** The authors are required to submit their Originality and AI Reports, generated via Turnitin.
- **Review Process:** Upon submission, manuscripts will be sent to reviewers for evaluation. The reviewers' decision will be communicated to the authors thereafter.
- **Revisions:** Where the reviewers suggest minor or major changes, the authors will be given a period of 4 days to incorporate such changes and re-submit their anonymous manuscript.
- **Originality:** The submission must not have been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. Submitting the same manuscript to more than one journal concurrently constitutes unethical publishing behaviour and is unacceptable.

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- **Categories of submission:**
 - Research Papers - 3,000 to 6,000 words
 - Case Notes - 2,500 to 3,000 words
 - Legal Opinion- 1,500 to 2,000 words
(Focussed Opinion on a topic giving clear, independently reasoned position on one or all defined legal questions related to the relevant theme)
- * Word limit is exclusive of footnotes; it includes the abstract.
- **Mode of Submission:** Submissions must be made exclusively through the Open Journal System (OJS).
 - i) Link to OJS: <https://maglaw.puchd.ac.in/index.php/maglaw/login>
 - ii) Queries may be addressed at: maglaw.pulaws@gmail.com

B. FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Language:** British English
- **Page margins:** 1 inch on all sides
- **Font Size:**
 - Main body & Headings: 12
 - Footnotes: 10
- **Line Spacing:**
 - Main body & Headings: 1.5
 - Footnotes: 1.0
- **Citation Style:** ILI Footnoting
- Footnotes shall be automated (use Ctrl+F wherever you wish to insert footnotes)
- **Alignment:**
 - Headings & Sub-headings: Left
 - Content: Justified
- **Indent to each paragraph:** 1 inch (use Ctrl+Tab at the beginning of each paragraph)
- **Hyperlinks, if used, must be in black.**
- **A single-line gap must be maintained between paragraphs.**
- **All tables, figures, charts, or graphs must be numbered consecutively.**

C. STRUCTURE OF MANUSCRIPT

- For Research Paper Manuscripts, it must include the following:

1. Structure of Manuscript
2. Abstract (200 words) and Keywords (5 words)
3. Introduction
4. 1.1 Objectives of Study
5. Research Methodology
6. Content/Data Analysis
7. Arguments and Discussion
8. Result/Findings
9. Conclusion and Suggestions

- For Case Note Manuscripts, it must include the following:

1. Issue/Theme
2. Contentions of Parties
3. Legal position
4. Reasoning
5. Conclusion/Recommendation

- For Legal Opinion Manuscripts, it must include the following:

1. Issue/Theme
2. Legal position
3. Reasoning
4. Conclusion/Recommendation

NOTE: All manuscripts must carry a clear and focused title, followed by an introduction outlining the context and central argument, a logically developed main body organised through appropriate headings and sub-headings, a conclusion summarising the arguments and offering reflections or insights.

ANNEXURE - 1

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Name & Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE - 2

COVER LETTER

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