

BLOG SUBMISSIONS POLICY¹

The *Ottawa Law Review* is currently accepting blog submissions on a rolling basis. In its inaugural year, the *Blogue RDO | OLR Blog* is seeking short commentaries on contemporary legal issues by academics, legal practitioners, and law students.

General Guidelines

AUTHOR'S INFORMATION

A submission must provide the following information about the author:

- Full name;
- Profession and affiliation (or, if student, year of study and school);
- Telephone number and e-mail address;
- Academic credentials, and other relevant biographical information;
- Whether or not they wish for a disclaimer to be provided stating that all opinions expressed are solely the author's and not their affiliated institutions; and
- Declaration of any pertinent funding or bias.

FORMAT

- Microsoft Word document (.docx);
- 12-point Times New Roman font;
- Double-spaced text;
- 2.54 cm margins;
- Arabic numeral page numbers on bottom right corners;
- Total word count at end of document; and
- Must not exceed 1200 words, excluding endnotes.

LEGAL CITATION FORMAT

- Endnotes must be used (not footnotes), and they must otherwise conform to the most recent edition of the *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation* (Toronto: Carswell); and
- Where possible, hyperlinks must be provided to all accessible digital sources.

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Policies

1. ORIGINALITY AND EXCLUSIVITY

- a. The *Ottawa Law Review* only publishes original material, meaning that a substantially similar version of the work has not been previously published.
- b. Authors must inform the *Ottawa Law Review* if their submissions relate to any prior work.
- c. The *Ottawa Law Review* only considers exclusively submitted material that is not simultaneously under consideration by any other publication.

2. PLAGIARISM

- a. It is the author's responsibility to comply with the University of Ottawa's policy on [academic fraud](#). The *Ottawa Law Review* strictly adheres to this policy.

3. ANONYMITY FOR STUDENTS

- a. The *Ottawa Law Review* considers student submissions anonymously, without regard to the author's identity, institutional affiliation, prior publications, credentials, or previous submissions.
- b. To facilitate an anonymous process, no identifying information, such as credentials, biographical information, acknowledgements, and references to the author's previous works, will appear in the submission during the evaluation process.
- c. The Online Editor is the only member of the Editorial Board who has knowledge of the identity of the author. Neither the members of the Blog Selection Committee nor the editors have knowledge of the author's identity during editing.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

- a. In addition to style, organization, persuasiveness, coherence, conciseness, and clarity, the substance of the submission is evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Does the blog contain a clear idea or argument as its thesis?
 - Is the idea or argument discussed in a novel manner?
 - Are the supporting citations accurate?
 - Does the blog lay a foundation for further debate?

- b. A majority vote by the Blog Selection Committee determines whether the blog is to be published. Each member of the Blog Selection Committee can vote for one of two possible decisions regarding a submission: accept or reject.
- c. Blogs are accepted only when there is no need for the author to make major changes.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. If you have questions about the Blog Submissions Policy, please contact the Submissions Managers of the *Ottawa Law Review*.

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