



EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW POLICY

The Journal of Intellectual Property Studies [“JIPS”, “we”, “us” or “our”] is a bi-annual, student-edited peer-reviewed academic journal published by National Law University, Jodhpur. The Journal was established in 2017 and primarily deals with contemporary developments in the field of Law of Intellectual Property Rights.

To ensure the publication of quality content, JIPS follows a double-blind peer review process. The manuscripts received are initially reviewed by the Editorial Board, followed by the Peer Review Board which specializes in Intellectual Property Laws.

OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY

JIPS is committed to upholding the highest standards of Peer Review for academic excellence and research in the field of Intellectual Property Law. The Editorial and Peer Review Policy [“Policy”] aims to provide the guidelines and procedures concerning our Editorial and Peer Review process. We are dedicated to ensuring transparency and academic integrity during our review procedures.

OUR PEER REVIEW BOARD

Our Peer Reviewers are committed to upholding the scholarly standards, novelty and academic integrity of the submissions. The Peer Review Board comprises esteemed experts in the field of Intellectual Property Law, who meticulously assess the manuscripts for novelty, relevance, and their potential to contribute to the scholarly literature in the field, among other criteria. In addition to the review process, the Board provides suggestions and constructive feedback to the Authors, which must be accordingly revised and incorporated into their submissions.



EDITORIAL REVIEW PROCESS

We follow the Editorial Review Process outlined below:

1. **Speedy Review:** The Editorial Board reviews manuscripts as per the Submission Guidelines (accessible on our website) and conducts a plagiarism check. At this stage, the focus is primarily on the content, topic, and core argument of the manuscript. If the manuscript is not found satisfactory against these criteria and requirements, it shall be rejected at this preliminary stage and the Author(s) shall be informed regarding the rejection at the earliest.
2. **Editorial Review:** After the initial review, the Editorial Board shall thoroughly review the manuscript on its content and structure. One of two things may happen at the end of this stage. Either the manuscript is rejected or the Author(s) receive suggestions from the Editorial Board. The further progression of the manuscript shall be subject to the incorporation of such suggestions within the prescribed timeline.

The steps involved in the Editorial Review Process are:

- **Plagiarism Check:** The Editorial Board will conduct a plagiarism check to ensure the originality of the submissions.
- **Bluebooking:** The Editorial Board will review submissions to ensure that citations and references adhere to the Bluebook format being followed for that Issue.
- **Coherence:** The Editorial Board will assess the overall coherence and structure of the manuscript, ensuring that the arguments are logically presented and clearly articulated.
- **Quality of Research:** The Editorial Board will ensure that the subject matter of the manuscript is well-researched and no gaps are present. Additionally, it will be ensured that none of the information is outdated (e.g., no case law relied on has been overturned, thereby affecting the quality of the submission).
- **Anonymity During Review:** To maintain objectivity and impartiality, the review process conducted by the Editorial Board will be anonymous. Authors' identities will be concealed from the student reviewers, and vice versa, to ensure unbiased feedback.



PEER REVIEW

The manuscripts that clear the Editorial Review stage shall be forwarded to the Peer Reviewers. The Peer Review process shall be Double-Blind i.e., the Author(s) and reviewer shall remain anonymous to each other. The Peer Reviewers shall be provided with detailed criteria according to which they shall review the manuscript. An *Assessment Criteria Form* is provided to the Peer Reviewers (*see Annexure-I*) wherein they record their feedback and evaluation of the manuscripts in accordance with the Assessment Criteria [defined below]. Peer Reviewers are given a timeline of 20-25 days to complete their review. They may recommend rejection or acceptance and provide feedback on the manuscript. If the manuscript is rejected, the same shall be communicated to the Author(s).

Reviewer's Feedback: If the submission is recommended for acceptance, the comments and suggestions of the Peer Reviewer and the Editorial Board may be provided to the Author(s). Such suggestions may include both substantive and stylistic changes. Publication of the manuscript shall be conditional upon the incorporation of such comments and suggestions by the Author(s) within the prescribed timeline.

Assessment Criteria

The shortlisted Manuscripts are evaluated based on the following criteria:

A. **Content:** Including but not limited to (i) Relevancy of the Topic, (ii) Quality of Research, (iii) Adequate and well-developed coverage of the topic, (iv) Originality of Thought (scholarly contribution), and (v) Adherence to the Scope and Purpose of JIPS.

B. **Structure and Formatting:** (i) Coherence and clarity of thought in presentation, (ii) Logical flow in paragraphs and subsections, (iii) Language, (iv) Quality of Footnoting and (v) Adherence to the Submission Guidelines of JIPS.

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In case of a submission which has been solicited by the Editorial Board, the Editorial Board shall have the complete discretion to skip one or more stages of review as discussed above. Additionally, in case of any discrepancies, the decision of the Chief Editor shall be final.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The JIPS Editorial and Peer Review Process is conducted with strict confidentiality and transparency. The Double-Blind Review exercise further ensures the anonymity of both, the Authors and the Peer Reviewers throughout the course of the Review procedure. Any other information pertaining to the manuscripts or the authors' identities is kept hidden from the reviewers of the Editorial Board and the Peer Reviewers.

CONTACT US

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ANNEXURE-I: ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FORM

Name of the Reviewer		
Title of the Manuscript		
PARTICULARS	EVALUATION 1-5 SCALE (5 BEING THE HIGHEST)	REMARKS (UP TO 100 WORDS)
Content		
Relevancy of the Topic		
Quality of Research		
Adequate and well-developed coverage of the topic		
Originality of Thought (scholarly contribution)		
Aligns with the scope and purpose of JIPS		
Structure and Formatting		
Coherence and clarity of thought in presentation		
Logical flow in paragraphs and subsections		
Language		
Quality of Footnoting		
Adherence with the Submission Guidelines of JIPS		

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Final Decision

Suitability for Publication (*Please highlight your selected option*)

- a. The Manuscript is publishable provided the author incorporates the Peer Reviewer's comments.
- b. The Manuscript has potential and subject to additional work as well as another round of review may be considered publishable.
- c. The Manuscript is not publishable.

Please indicate the reasons for your recommendation:

Peer Reviewer's Comments and Feedback

Peer Reviewer's feedback to the Author(s) (up to 1000 words)	
Any comments or suggestions to the Editorial Board (not to be shared with the Author)	