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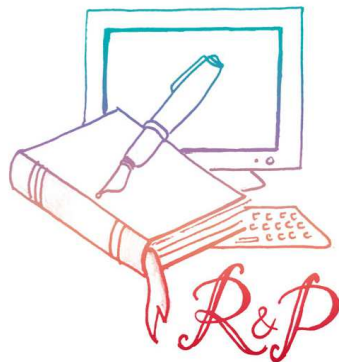
# *Legal Opus*

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## Call for Papers

The *Research and Publication Unit* of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College & Centre for Postgraduate Studies and Research in Law, Mangaluru, invites submissions for the 12th issue of Legal Opus. Legal Opus is a Peer Reviewed Annual Law Journal of our institution for enabling the academicians, legal professionals, activists, Judges, Jurists and students to publish their research papers. Legal Opus is a refereed Journal.

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## **Author Guidelines**

All paper submissions should be sent via e-mail to [sdmjournal@gmail.com](mailto:sdmjournal@gmail.com) with a covering letter indicating the name of the contributor(s), designation, institutional affiliation and title of the paper. The title of the research paper shall be concise and informative. The co-authored papers should give details of co-authors. A maximum of two co-authors is allowed for each paper. The last date for submission of full papers for this issue is February 15, 2019.

### **The word limit (excluding footnotes):**

- Short Articles: 2000 to 3000 words
- Long Articles: 3000 to 5000 words
- Case Comments: 1000 to 1500 words
- Book Reviews: 750 to 1000 words

### **Formatting and Citation:**

1. Format: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)
2. Font: Times New Roman
3. Title of the paper: 14 points, bold and all caps
4. Headings within the article: 12 points, bold
5. Body of the paper: 12 points
6. Spacing: 1.5 lines
7. Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10 points and 1 line spacing
8. Citation format: Bluebook 19<sup>th</sup> Edition.
9. The content may be divided into different levels of sub-headings

### **Formatting of the headings at various levels:**

- **Level 1**
  - I. Heading
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  - III. Heading
  - IV. Heading
- **Level 2**
  - A. Heading
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## **Peer Review Policy**

### **Initial evaluation**

The Editorial team of Legal Opus will first evaluate all manuscripts to see whether it complies with the theme and basic requirements of particular edition of the journal. Those research papers complying with theme and minimum requirement will be provisionally selected for peer review process. The Editorial Board reserves its rights to reject papers which are not original, having serious flaws, poor language and grammatical flows, or are outside the theme and requirement of the current edition of the journal. Authors will be updated with the status of their submissions within 2 months of receipt.

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- Whether the research paper followed appropriate methodology
- Whether the research paper follows appropriate ethical guidelines
- Whether the research paper has results which are clearly presented and support the conclusions
- Whether the reference and citations are correctly incorporated and validated in accordance with the standards insisted by the guidelines
- Reviewers are not expected to correct or edit and to carry out language correction of the manuscripts.

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The submitted paper will normally be reviewed within 2 months. In cases where the two reviewers' report contradict one another or any undue delay in receiving the second report, an opinion of a third expert will be called for. The contributors are expected to submit the revised manuscripts within one week, which again will be forwarded to the initial referees for final approval. Reviewers may ask more than one revision of a manuscript to ensure the quality of work.

### **Acceptance of the Paper for Publication**

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