

Submission Guidelines - International Legal Journal

What we are looking for

At SOBAL Journal we look to publish comparative overviews of legal issues of interest to those interested in the field of law, business and commerce, containing independent analyses, and contain commentary written by experts in their field, combining comparative elements between Argentina and the United Kingdom,

In particular, we are looking for pieces that strike a balance between providing an informative overview of the legal issue or complexity of choice and detailing the relevant practical implications for businesses, so as to provide an invaluable and actionable piece of text that will be of much use to both our readers and practitioners alike.

Editorial Guidelines

Originality of content

Our aim is to offer readers original analysis, and as such, your content must be your own. If you refer to the work of any other individual or entity in your post, you must acknowledge that individual or entity as the source of such work. In the same vein, make it clear if the post has been previously published in another medium – for instance, the poster's own law firm website/newsletter.

Writing

Ensure that your post is well-written, and well-argued. This means that you should utilise the correct spelling, punctuation and grammar and take note of the professional academic tone that we would ordinarily expect. The crux of your position should be easily identifiable and your piece must display critical thinking and evidence some level of engagement with alternative viewpoints and ideas.

Ensure that your post is accurate, novel, and relevant. Take care not to oversimplify ideas or misquote sources – this will help strengthen your piece and increase the legitimacy of the points you are making. We welcome new ideas, and it is important to be able to capture current ideas and trending topics.

Formatting

Posts should be between 2,000 to 2,500 words long, excluding footnotes.

Please include a relevant and concise title to go along with your post, capitalising each word (i.e Relevant and Concise Title).

Please provide a short summary of your post's most important points and/or practice points for the



benefit of the reader. This can be in the form of an abstract that will immediately follow the title and precede the main body of the text.

Pay attention to the readability of your text – ensure that there are spaces between paragraphs, and double spaces after the conclusion of each sentence. Bullet points, sub-headings, and similar items should be used where possible in order to break up the text and ensure adequate signposting is visible throughout the entirety of your post.

All sources should be referenced in footnotes using the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). SOBAL's Int'l Legal Journal reserves the right to add (additional) links to sources it may deem necessary to ensure the accuracy and legitimacy of the post.

Editorial Policy

Authorisations

It is taken as understood that the poster, had they been required to do so, had sought and obtained any and all necessary authorisations required in order to be able to publish the post. Furthermore, this guideline is not to be construed as contrary to any other guideline or policy of SOBAL's Int'l Legal Journal including SOBAL's Int'l Legal Journal's requirement of originality and its general policy of publishing only previously unpublished content.

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Translation

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