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.

How the reviewers are selected

Reviewers are selected on the basis of their expertise and subject preference specifically relating to the paper submitted for publication. The database of the reviewers is constantly being updated. The modifications and corrections suggested by the referees are intimated to the contributors for further refinement of the work.

Peer Review process

The papers accepted by the Editorial Board, meeting the minimum criteria will be sent to minimum two reviewers for their opinion and comments. The journal adopts blind reviewing policy, where both the contributor and the referees will remain anonymous throughout the process.

Review reports

The peer reviewer is expected to prepare the report on following aspects of the research paper:

- Whether the work is original
- 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.

Time frame for review process

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

A final decision whether to accept or reject the manuscript for publication will be taken by the Editorial Board taking into account of recommendations made by the referees.