GSLR Call for Submissions | GSLR |Volume VIII

The **GNLU Student Law Review** (GSLR), the flagship student-led publication of Gujarat National Law University, is accepting submissions for its upcoming **Volume VIII**, scheduled to be published in **August, 2027**. The GSLR is an annual, student-edited, double-blind peer reviewed publication with regular collaboration with experts and practitioners in order to foster insightful legal discourse on contemporary legal developments and innovative legal solutions. Following the successful publication of **Volume VII**, the GSLR invites submissions of original and unpublished manuscripts addressing contemporary legal topics for its Volume VIII.

Call for Papers

The GSLR welcomes submissions of **articles**, **book reviews**, **case notes** and **legislative comments** offering comparative perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches to India's evolving legal landscape. Submissions are welcomed from students, academicians, legal scholars and practitioners. The **last date** for contributing to **Volume VIII** of the GSLR is **Monday, 4 January 2027**. No extensions shall be granted thereafter.

Submission Categories

Submissions are welcome in all fields of law from students, academicians, legal scholars and practitioners. The following categories of submissions will be considered for publication:

- **Article**: Word limit between **4500-8000** words. The authors should comprehensively engage with the foundation of the chosen topic, aiming to underline its relevance for present times through legal policy.
- **Book Review**: Word limit between **1500-4000** words. Authors must extensively engage with the foundation of the chosen subject while aiming to underline the book's relevance to modern legal policy.
- **Case Note**: Word limit between **2500-4500** words. A case note would analyse recent judgment or landmark decision of Indian courts, informing on the background of the matter and substantive implications for future adjudication.
- **Legislative Comment**: Word limit between **2000-4000** words. A legislative comment would examine legislation or bills before the Parliament or any State Legislature, facilitating a cross-jurisdictional comparative analysis and suggesting improvements.

Word limits, as provided above, are **exclusive** of footnotes. GSLR aims to strictly enforce the above word limits with an **extension of maximum 500 words** permissible, if it is justified with the quality of the submission.

Submission Guidelines

- **Authorship**: Co-authorship is permissible up to **three co-authors** for **Articles**. In case of **other submission categories**, a maximum of **two co-authors** is permitted.
- **Originality**: The GSLR requires **exclusive submission**. Authors must confirm through the submission form that the submitted manuscript has not been submitted for the consideration of another journal. Authors must undertake not to send the manuscript for consideration elsewhere until the GSLR has either accepted or rejected the submission.
- **Editorial Policy**: All submissions to the GSLR must be original and should not contain any plagiarised content. Please ensure that every source is properly referenced, and all contributors are cited. The **University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018**, would be applicable in regards to the acceptable limits of plagiarism. All decisions of the Editorial Board would be final and may not be subject to further review. We expect authors to make suitable changes as suggested by the Editorial Board before final acceptance.
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Formatting Guidelines

- The authors must strictly adhere to the **GSLR Style Guide** to facilitate a faster turnaround.
- The **main text** of the submission must be in **Garamond** with **font size 12** and **line spacing 1.5 pts**. The **citations** must be in **Garamond** with **font size 10** and **single line spacing**.
- The **footnotes** must be formatted in accordance with ***The Bluebook*** citation style (**21st edition**). Speaking and substantive footnotes are encouraged subject to proper justification for their use. The submission must not have any endnotes, bibliography or references. Authors are advised to use only footnotes.
- For further guidelines, please refer to these **Submission Guidelines,** available on the GSLR website.

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