

EDITORIAL POLICY - BLOGS

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1. **Plagiarism:** We take the issue of plagiarism seriously. The threshold for acceptable similarity is 15%. Any article found to be exceeding the limit will be summarily rejected. However, the quotes from the cases and the wordings of the statute would not be counted to be plagiarized content.
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3. **Language & Grammar:** The clarity of thought and argument, including the overall structure of the article, play an important role in finally deciding on the acceptance of the article. The manner and style of writing of the authors are also vital in the process of evaluation.

Once the panel decides that an article is fit for publication, the editors will work in a collaborative manner with the author to suggest changes on the aforementioned criteria, including but not limited to:

1. **Arguments:** This involves finding possible flaws in the arguments made in the article, including lack of coherence, and consistency as a whole with respect to the entire article, and then make necessary changes, if any.
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