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PEER REVIEW POLICY

The Centre for Innovation Research and Facilitation in Intellectual Property for Humanity and Development has a comprehensive and strict mechanism for reviewing articles to be published in its IP Bulletin. A 3 step process is followed to ensure quality publications only.

Round 1: Preliminary Review

This is the first round of elimination for which a panel is constituted who will prima facie decide whether an article is suitable enough to qualify for the second round.

The articles are checked for the following:

- Topic relevancy
- Grammar, Language and Sentence framing
- Format Structure
- Plagiarism Check through Anti Plagiarism software

Plagiarism and Similarity test is conducted using the official URKUND software. For research articles similarity index should not be more than 15%. Any article having more than 15% similarity is rejected summarily.

There is a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism in the publication. Manuscripts are screened for plagiarism before, during, and after publication, and if found plagiarized, they will be rejected at any stage of processing.

Round 2: Double Blind Peer Review

Those articles which pass the 1st Round are then reviewed by two Expert Reviewers. The name of the authors are removed from the articles hence maintaining anonymity of the authorship of the article to prevent any possibility of bias. The Reviewers check the articles for the criteria mentioned in Round 1 and for the following additional criteria of

- literary and academic merit
- logical flow of idea and arguments
- relevancy to contemporary legal research
- contribution to legal academia

The Reviewers are expected to submit their review within 30 days of receiving the articles. We do try to however request the editors to submit their reviews as quickly as possible. The Reviewers recommend whether an article should be accepted as it is, revised or rejected. If an article is found to be lacking in academic merit then Reviewers provide their positive expert comments so that the author may improve upon the article.

Round 3

After the recommendations of the Reviewers are received by the Editorial Committee then a final decision is taken whether to accept the article or not. Those articles which are found to be needing revision are sent back to the Authors along with the comments of the Reviewers to modify the article suitably.

Articles which pass the 3rd Round are then recommended by the Editorial Committee for publication in the IP Bulletin.

The views expressed by the author/s in the publication are their personal views and do not reflect the views of the Editor or the Chanakya National Law University, Patna.