

SOCIO-LEGAL REVIEW

STYLE GUIDE

I. RULES OF EXPRESSION

1. Please use British spelling instead of American spelling. For instance, please use honour as opposed to honor or analyse as opposed to analyze.
2. In case of non-English terms, please italicise the term and provide an approximate English translation of it in parentheses at its first appearance. The need for translation does not apply to legal phrases in Latin such as *prima facie*. This rule does not apply in its entirety to words such as caveat and per annum, which have been assimilated into English.
3. In case a particular phrase occurs frequently in the article, please use an abbreviation, indicated in parentheses. For instance, 'This paper shall discuss the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 ('the Act') in detail.' Please refrain from using terms such as 'hereinafter.'
4. Please use the Oxford or serial comma wherever possible. For instance, please write 'legal processes, institutions, and actors,' and not 'legal processes, institutions and actors.'
5. Dates should appear in the following format: 22 April 2019. All numbers should be expressed in the form of digits in the case of empirical analysis, such as when a particular quantity is sought to be emphasised, or to convey scale or magnitude. For instance, 'In 65 cases, the Supreme Court considered mitigating circumstances.' In other cases, where numbers are used in a descriptive fashion, they may be expressed in words. For instance, 'In this case, charges of criminal conspiracy were levelled against twenty accused persons.' Percentages should be written in digits, followed by the '%' sign.
6. All extracts should appear within double quotation marks. Extracts longer than 50 words should be separated from the body by placing them in a separate paragraph, indented on both sides by 1 inch of the margin. No quotation marks should be used for such extracts.

II. FORMATTING

7. **Text:** Font EB Garamond; size 12; alignment justified; 1.5 line spacing.
8. **Footnotes:** Font EB Garamond; size 12; alignment justified; single line spacing.

III. HEADINGS

9. Please limit yourself to three levels of headings with the following system of organisation:

Level 1:

I. ROMAN NUMERAL, BOLD, UNDERLINED, SMALL CAPITALS, CENTER ALIGNED, EB GARAMOND 12

Level 2:

A. **Alphabet, Bold, Left Aligned, EB Garamond 12**

Level 3:

1. *Arabic Numeral, Italicised, Left Aligned, EB Garamond 12*

IV. FIGURES

10. Please provide separate high-resolution files, preferably in black and white, for any images. Any tables should be editable. All figures including tables, graphs, and images should be accompanied with the figure number, title, and source, appearing at the bottom of the figure. For instance:

Table 1: Trend of Reportable and Non-Reportable Judgments from 1975-1976

Source: Author, using data from the Supreme Court of India website

V. REFERENCES

11. SLR follows a system of footnotes as per the [Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities \(OSCOLA\) – 4th edition](#). No separate bibliography is required.
12. Please place footnotes after punctuation marks in all cases, including quotation marks, with the exception of the em dash (–) and the colon (:).
13. With the exception of the cover page footnote which may be indicated using an asterisk, please number footnotes sequentially starting from ‘1.’
14. Please ensure that there is a single space between the footnote number and the contents of the footnote. Please separate multiple citations within a single footnote with a semicolon. Please end the footnote with a full stop.

15. Please pin cite the references as far as possible. This includes page numbers for books and journal articles, and paragraph numbers for case law.
16. In case of online references, please remove the hyperlink and only retain the text of the web address.
17. The use of substantive footnotes is permitted; however, they should not be used so excessively as to disrupt the flow of the text.
18. Some key formats as per the OSCOLA (4th edn) style, modified slightly to suit the Indian legal context, are as follows:

Legislation: The Indian Penal Code 1860, s 300; The Constitution of India 1950, art 12.

Case Law: *Reliance Natural Resources Ltd. v Reliance Industries Ltd.* (2010) 7 SCC 1 [45], [68] (Sathasivam, J).

Books: Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (first published 1651, 3rd edn, Penguin 1985) 268.

Law Commission Reports: 21st Law Commission of India, *The Protection of Children (Inter-Country Removal and Retention) Bill, 2016* (Law Commission Report No 263, 2016) <<https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3ca0daec69b5adc880fb464895726dbdf/uploads/2022/08/2022081679.pdf>> accessed 28 July 2024.

Chapters in Edited Volumes: Francis Rose, 'The Evolution of the Species' in Andrew Burrows and Alan Rodger (eds), *Mapping the Law: Essays in Memory of Peter Birks* (OUP 2006) 65.

Journal Article: Seema Kazi, 'Women, Gender Politics, and Resistance in Kashmir' (2022) 18(1) Socio-Legal Review 95, 108.

Online-Only Journals: Sohini Sengupta and Manish K Jha, 'Knockout Power: Heatwaves this Summer' (2024) 59 (26-27) EPW (Engage) <<https://www.epw.in/engage/article/knockout-power-heatwaves-summer>> accessed 22 July 2024.

Web-Pages and Blog Articles: Susan Bandes, 'The Death Penalty and the Politics of Defining Emotion' (SLR Forum, 14 July 2024) <<https://www.sociolegalreview.com/post/the-death-penalty-and-the-politics-of-defining-emotion>> accessed 22 July 2024.

Newspaper Articles: Vikas Dhoot, 'Economic Survey 2023-24: India's growth back to pre-COVID trends, 7%-plus growth possible in medium term' *The Hindu* (New Delhi, 22 July 2024) <<https://www.thehindu.com/business/budget/economic-survey-2023-2024-findings-july-22-2024/article68431657.ece>> accessed 28 July 2024.

General Principle: Author, 'Title' (Additional Information, Publisher Year)

Subsequent and Cross-Citations: *ibid* 5; Hobbes (n 3) 5; *RNRL* (n 8) [60].