

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE  
SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL JOURNAL "LEGALITY" OF THE RA  
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**

**The general requirements of the article:**

1. The article submitted for publication should address an existing specific problem in the field of law, should be evidence-based, present a clear thesis, contain thorough, accurate analysis related to the field of law and should be written in academic language and be in compliance with academic standards.
2. The article may be submitted in Armenian, English or Russian.
3. The article should be kept from 20-30 pages.
4. The originality of the article should be at least 80%.
5. The article should contain the following sections:
  - a) data about the author,
  - b) title,
  - c) introduction,
  - d) the main research with corresponding sections (chapters) and paragraphs,
  - e) conclusion,
  - f) reference list,
  - g) abstract,
  - h) keywords.

**Technical requirements and guidelines:**

6. All manuscripts submitted for publication should be in Unicode fonts.
7. GHEA Grapalat should be used for articles presented in Armenian and Times New Roman - for articles presented in English or Russian.
8. The pages of the article should be numerated.

9. The typesetting of the text of the article should be carried out on a computer in the MS Word program (A 4 format) and meet the following criteria: margins from the left 2 cm, from the right 1 cm, top 2,5 cm and bottom 2 cm.

10. The line spacing should be 1,5 cm. Other line spacing shouldn't be used between paragraphs.

11. Paragraphs should be aligned on both sides and start at 1 cm depth.

12. The font of the text should be 12, except the title and the footnotes.

13. The title should be in font 14 in the center and bold. The title should entirely be written in capital letters.

14. The footnotes should be in font 10 and aligned on both sides.

#### **The general requirements of separate parts of the article:**

15. The title should contain up to 20 words and be relevant to the content of the article. It should be presented in three languages (Armenian, English and Russian) and should not contain abbreviations, unless they are well known.

16. Data about the author should be submitted electronically in three languages (Armenian, English and Russian) and be filled in the samples according to Appendix 1.

17. If the article has co-authors, the information defined in Appendix 1 should be provided separately.

#### **Content requirements:**

18. The introduction should contain:

- a) formulation of the issue,
- b) presentation of hypothesis of the research,
- c) justification of the relevance and importance of the research,
- d) formulation of the aims and objectives of the research,
- e) methodology.

19. The article itself should correspond to the title, contain analysis in the field of law, contain a suitable research methodology to achieve the objectives and the solution of problems described in the introduction.

20. The conclusion should contain:

- a) summary of the author's findings, deriving from the research,
- b) key points of the conclusions of the research (each paragraph should be devoted to the objectives mentioned in the introduction or should serve as an argument, proving the propositions of the hypothesis (if any) mentioned in the introduction).

21. The abstract should be provided in three languages (Armenian, English and Russian) within 150 - 300 words and should include:

- a) brief and concise description of relevance and importance of the research,
- b) the aim of the article,
- c) the author's findings (disclosed, substantiated, and proven in the article),
- d) the practical and theoretical importance of the obtained outcomes.

22. 5-10 key words should be highlighted in three languages (Armenian, English and Russian) which are separated from each other by a semicolon (;).

### **Plagiarism and references:**

23. When making quotations from another's work, the author must credit the source and make a proper reference in the footnotes of each page, as well as make a complete reference in the reference list.

24. When referring to monographs, manuals, dissertations or separately published works in footnotes, it is necessary to indicate the author's (authors') name (names), the title of the work, the place, year and the page of publication (*see Appendix 2, Paragraph 1*).

25. When referring to articles or works published in collections or journals, it is necessary to indicate the name of the author of the work, the title of the work (if

available, also DOI), the name of the collection or scientific journal (if available, also ISSN), if available, the serial number of the release, the place, year and page of publication (*see Appendix 2, Paragraph 2*).

26. When mentioning legal acts of the Republic of Armenia for the first time, it is necessary to indicate their full name, according to the RA Law “On Normative Legal Acts”. Later it is possible to use the abbreviated version specified by the author (for example, “hereinafter Law”) or the abbreviated names of the legal acts – according to the RA Law “On Normative Legal Acts”.

27. When indicating the foreign and international legal acts for the first time it is necessary to write their full name. Later the author may use the abbreviated version (e.g. “hereinafter Convention”).

28. The English sources are not translated.

29. In case of Armenian and foreign language references, the English translations are presented in parentheses.

30. When using internet sources it is necessary to follow the rules of Point 21 (*see Appendix 2, Paragraph 1*) and Point 22 (*see Appendix 2, Paragraph 2*), put the corresponding link of the page (URL) and write the last access date (*see Appendix 2, Paragraph 3*).

31. In the reference list, legal acts and precedents are listed first by languages (main language of the article, other language) and legal force, then theoretical sources - by languages (main language of the article, other language) and in alphabetical order, providing consecutive numbering.

32. Self-citation is allowed no more than 2 times.

33. Presenting other people's thoughts and ideas as your own (including in a modified version) is considered to be a plagiarism and accordingly the publication of the article will be rejected.

**The procedure of article submission:**

34. The article should be submitted in electronic (Microsoft Word) format via the following email:

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35. The email should indicate that the article is being sent for publication.

**Admission and review of articles:**

36. Articles not meeting the above-mentioned requirements will be returned and will not be submitted for review.

37. Articles meeting all the mentioned requirements are peer reviewed anonymously and confidentially by the reviewers of the Scientific-Practical Journal "Legality".

38. The article is reviewed by at least a candidate of a legal science and (or) a specialist implementing an active professional activity in the given field.

39. The reviewer evaluates the article based on the accuracy of the scientific research, its relevance, scientificity, originality, compliance with academic standards and the level of solving the defined objectives.

40. Both positive and negative aspects are mentioned in the review.

41. The principle of academic freedom applies.

42. Articles endorsed by a reviewer are eligible for publication.

43. Electronic versions of reviews can be provided only to the author of the article and at his (her) request, without disclosing the identity of the reviewer.

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