

GUIDELINES FOR LCA DISPUTE RESOLUTION JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

The editor welcomes the submission of articles for consideration for the publication in the LCA journal. All prospective contributions should be in accordance with the guidelines set below.

Submissions should be sent as a separate file in word or compatible format (i.e. not pdf), with full references set out in footnotes (not endnotes). Please submit by email, with the heading: “For Publication: [Initials of Author, Date]” (e.g. “For Publication: ABC, 1 Jan 2018]”) to the following address: omlewis@lca.org.ng

The LCA journal publishes four issues a year. Please note that we only publish a specific number of articles and cases reviews in each issue, and therefore cannot guarantee publication for a specific one. While we do try to publish articles submitted within the deadline, we may have to defer publication until later. The cut-off dates for submissions are as follows:

Issue 1: 1 September

Issue 2: 1 January

Issue 3: 1 April

Issue 4: 1 July

The LCA Journal is a peer reviewed journal. Editorial decisions are exclusively based on the merits of the submitted article. All decisions remain within the full discretion of the Editor and the Editorial Board. Manuscripts may be returned to authors with suggestions related to substance and/or style or be rejected.

Submissions should relate to an area covered by the Journal. The Journal covers all areas of international dispute settlement, including commercial and investment arbitration and all other modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution, such as negotiation, adjudication, expert determination and mediation. The Journal covers topics relating to both private and public, including public international, law, and welcomes articles that take a variety of approaches to Law, including doctrinal, historical, comparative, sociolegal, philosophical, political analysis and economic analysis of the law.

In all submissions an abstract of about 150 words should be included.

Submissions should ordinarily be in one of the following categories:

1. **Articles:** these should generally be between 6,000 and 8,000 words (excluding footnotes). In any event, articles should not be longer than 10,000 words (including footnotes). Shorter and longer articles can be admissible within reason

2. **Reviews:** these should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words (excluding footnotes) and identify the case, legislation, rules of procedure etc. which are reviewed.
3. **Book Reviews:** where a book review is proposed please contact us first and your enquiry will be forwarded to the Book Reviews Editor.

Articles and Reviews submitted should not have been published elsewhere and any submission can only be accepted on the basis that the authors warrant that the article has not been published elsewhere and will not be published elsewhere. There are some exceptions to this principle and where the authors wish this to be taken into the account they should make this clear.

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Given the standing of the Journal and the Lagos Court of Arbitration, it is essential that the Journal is presented in a professional way in line with highest international standards. This means that only articles that comply with this guidance can be published.

Authors are encouraged to follow the style of **OSCOLA**

(<http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications.php>) (Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities).

It is important for the author to clarify the levels of heading required, i.e. title, main section headings, secondary headings etc.

Quotations should be clearly identified in quotation mark and any emphasis added by the author should be noted. All text should be in the UK English, unless directly quoted. It is for the author to gain any copyright clearance that may be required and all articles are accepted on the basis that the author warrants to the CIArb that the material is free of copyright restriction or that relevant clearance has been obtained.

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