



ELSA LAW REVIEW PLAGIARISM POLICY

This Plagiarism Policy is issued by the Editorial Board of the ELSA Law Review in accordance with the Decision Book of ELSA, which requires all submissions to comply with the publication's plagiarism standards.

The purpose of this policy is to uphold academic integrity and maintain the quality and credibility of all works published in the ELSA Law Review.

Core Principles

The ELSA Law Review is dedicated to advancing original legal scholarship and contributing meaningfully to academic discourse. The publication upholds the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity.

Plagiarism or any form of academic dishonesty is not tolerated. All submissions are subject to review to ensure full compliance with this policy.

Scope

This policy applies to all submissions to the ELSA Law Review and the ELSA Law Review Blog.

Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the presentation of another's work or ideas as one's own, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Examples include:

- Directly or indirectly incorporating material from other sources without appropriate quotation marks and citation;
- Failing to credit a co-author or contributor who substantially contributed to the submission;
- Republishing one's own previously published material without appropriate attribution (self-plagiarism).

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty constitutes any conduct by the author which undermines the integrity of the submission, such as the fabrication of any of the information or citations presented in the submission or deceptive assertions by the author in any part of the work, regardless of the actual effect they may have.

Author Responsibilities

Authors must:

- Ensure that the submission complies with this policy before submission;
- Confirm compliance in the submission form;

- Promptly inform the Editorial Board if they become aware of potential non-compliance;
- Respond fully to any requests to verify or substantiate the originality of their submission.

If the author fails to adequately respond to such a request from the Editorial Board and the Editorial Board deems it is unable to verify compliance with the policy, then the submission will be removed from the shortlist.

Final decisions on publication lie solely with the Editorial Board.

Editorial Responsibilities

The Editorial Board shall verify that all submissions are in compliance with this policy. These steps may include but are not necessarily limited to:

- The cross-verification of the contents of the submission with the references;
- The verification of compliance with the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA);
- Comparison with other published works of the author, if any;
- Due consideration of feedback from peer-review.

Sanctions for Breaches of the Plagiarism Policy

The Editorial Board reserves the right to impose sanctions in cases where a submission is found to violate the Plagiarism Policy. Sanctions will be proportionate to the nature, severity, and intent of the breach, and are applied to preserve the academic integrity and reputability of the publication.

Breaches will be assessed based on their seriousness and context, and generally fall into the following categories:

Minor Breach - presumed to be unintentional or due to oversight (ex. incomplete or inconsistent citations; minor paraphrasing without proper attribution; isolated formatting or referencing errors). Sanctions include:

- Mandatory revision of the submission;
- Editorial feedback with a warning;
- Re-evaluation after corrections are made.

Moderate Breach - may be intentional or indicate a pattern of negligence (ex. multiple instances of unattributed content; reuse of the author's previously published work (self-plagiarism) without disclosure). Sanctions include:

- Temporary rejection with possibility of resubmission after substantial revision;
- Formal warning to the author;
- Monitoring of future submissions by the author.

Severe Academic Misconduct - refers to the most serious violations of academic integrity and authorship standards. These breaches suggest intentional deception or a gross disregard for academic norms and the publication's rules. What constitutes a Severe Academic Misconduct:

- **Deliberate Plagiarism:** Copying substantial portions of text from another author or source without citation.

- **Fabrication:** Inventing legal cases, facts, data, citations, or footnotes.
- **Ghostwriting:** Submitting work that was authored entirely or partially by another person or AI while claiming authorship.

Sanctions include:

- **Immediate Rejection:** The submission is rejected outright, with no opportunity for revision or resubmission.
- **Retraction:** If the work has already been published, it will be formally retracted and removed from all digital platforms (where possible).
- **Public Disavowal:** A formal statement disavowing the work will be published in the next issue of the ELSA Law Review and on the official website.
- **Blacklisting:** The author may be permanently prohibited from submitting to the ELSA Law Review or any future ELSA publications.

When determining sanctions, the Editorial Board may consider *aggravating* (ex. previous misconduct, refusal to cooperate, submission of false explanations) and *mitigating factors* (ex. early admission, evidence of misunderstanding rather than intent, efforts to correct the error).

Policy Amendments

The Editorial Board may revise this policy at any time, with updates published on the ELSA Law Review website. No revisions will be made during an open call for submissions.