



ELSA LAW REVIEW PLAGIARISM POLICY

This Plagiarism Policy (the ‘policy’) is prescribed by the Editorial Board of the ELSA Law Review pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Decision Book of ELSA which set out that all submissions to the publication must “comply with the ELSA Law Review Plagiarism Policy”.

1. Principles

The ELSA Law Review is a legal publication which, through the publishing of original legal writing, aims to contribute to academic thought in the fields of law encompassed by its topics.

The ELSA Law Review always strives to meet the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity with all the entries it publishes.

The ELSA Law Review does not tolerate plagiarism or other conduct constituting academic dishonesty and will take available actions to verify that published submissions comply with this policy.

2. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all legal writing published by the ELSA Law Review.

3. Plagiarism

Plagiarism constitutes the dishonest presentation of non-original work or ideas as one’s original work or ideas, regardless of whether it is intentional or unintentional.

An author has committed plagiarism if they:

- include direct or indirect references to the work or ideas of another without giving due acknowledgement such as using quotation marks and proper citation of sources;
- fail to acknowledge a fellow author, who shall be considered such if they have contributed to the substance of the submission; and/or
- have already published the original work or ideas presented in the submission and do not give due acknowledgement to that published piece of legal writing.

4. 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.

5. Obligations of the Author

The author must verify that the submission is in full compliance with this policy prior to submitting it. The author will need to acknowledge in the submission form that the submission is in full compliance and declare themselves willing to further verify compliance if requested to do so by the Editorial Board.





If the author later becomes aware that their submission may not be fully compliant with this policy, they shall inform the Editorial Board immediately so that necessary steps can be taken to verify compliance.

If the Editorial Board requires the author to further substantiate or authenticate anything in the submission in order to verify compliance with this policy, then the author shall do so. 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 consideration for publication.

Regardless of whether an author submits further substantiation or authentication pursuant to a request to that effect, the decision to publish a submission always remains at the editorial discretion of the Editorial Board.

6. Obligations of the Editorial Board

The Editorial Board shall take available steps to 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; and
- Due consideration of feedback from peer-review.

If a submission published in the ELSA Law Review is later discovered to be non-compliant with this policy and, following from that non-compliance, is considered by the Editorial Board to possibly undermine the reputability and integrity of the publication, then the Editorial Board shall take any of the following steps which it may deem necessary:

- Removal of the published submission from the digital version of the relevant issue, insofar as that is possible;
- The issuing of a formal disavowal of the published submission published on the ELSA Law Review's official website and in the following issue of the ELSA Law Review;
- Blacklisting the author and thereby unilaterally refusing to accept any future submissions authored or co-authored by them.

7. Revisions to the policy

The Editorial Board may revise the policy at its discretion through a decision to that effect. The applicable policy shall be available on the ELSA Law Review's website. The Editorial Board shall refrain from revising the Plagiarism Policy during an open call for submissions.

