



## Submission Conditions

### Introduction

UMFST Law Review extends the invitation to contribute with scientific articles, doctrinal essays, and book reviews. Each registered article, review, or essay will be subjected to a rigorous editorial evaluation process, the stages of which are detailed in the following section.

Authors are asked to transmit their works in electronic format (both **.doc** and **.pdf** extensions) via e-mail. Optionally, a printed copy of the manuscript can be sent to the editorial office.

### Standard Criteria

In the selection process, UMFST Law Review aligns itself with established academic standards, to which a series of its own requirements are added, meant to confer a distinct identity to the publication.

Thus, authors are invited to respect the following fundamental criteria:

- **Originality** – original research, innovative ideas, and unique perspectives in the field of law are necessary in our publication;
- **Relevance** – articles must address current legal problems or situations, including issues, debates, or developments in national or international law;
- **Quality** – quality is paramount. Articles should demonstrate rigorous analysis, logical coherence, and a deep understanding of legal principles, doctrines, theories, or methodologies;
- **Ethical considerations** – authors should adhere to ethical standards in research and publishing, including appropriate citation practices, avoidance of plagiarism, disclosure of conflicts of interest, and compliance with relevant ethical guidelines and regulations;



- **Fit with the scope and audience of the review** – articles must align with the thematic objective, scope, and audience of a particular legal publication. They should address topics or issues that are within the review's competence and of interest to its readers;
- **Authorship** – the qualifications, expertise, and credibility of the author(s) are taken into consideration in the evaluation process. Authors must have relevant expertise and credentials in the subject area.

### Technical Drafting Conditions

The selection of materials is essentially conditioned by the author's alignment with the technical editing requirements. Rigorous compliance with these formal standards represents the first step towards editorial validation, facilitating the subsequent evaluation stages.

#### Please keep in mind:

1. **Page format:** A4 (297x210)
2. **Author/co-authorship:** Any person may submit any number of articles for publication, but within a single issue of the review, **only one work** in which said person is an author/co-author will be published. With a view to promoting new voices in legal research, **authors collaborating with our publication for the first time will be given priority**. Also, the maximum number of persons who can appear as co-authors for a work is **2 persons**.
3. **Technical editing:**
  - **Font:** Times New Roman, dimensions:
    - **Article Title:** 14, bold
    - **Author identification data:** Will be positioned under the title, with alignment to the right (Align Right), size 11 pt, Italic style. These will include, in this order: Name Surname University – Faculty – Year of study.
    - **Abstract:** Will be inserted before the first chapter, drafted with size 11 pt, Italic style;
    - **Chapter title:** 14, bold; **Subchapter title:** 12, bold;
    - **Content of the work:** 12

- **Margins:** top 2.5 cm, bottom 2.5 cm, left 2.5 cm, right 2.5 cm, gutter 0 pt.
  - **Line spacing:** A spacing of **1.5** lines will be used. For delimiting the title from the rest of the text, as well as for separating paragraphs, **manual spaces will NOT be used**. It is imperative to use the formatting function "**Add space before and after paragraph**", thus ensuring a uniform structure of the document.
  - **Text alignment:** justified; the first line of each paragraph will have an indentation of 1 cm to the left.
  - **Chapter titles** will be written in bold characters, centered, with uppercase letters;
  - **Subchapter titles** will be written in bold characters, centered, with lowercase letters;
  - **Page numbering:** Page numbering begins with the title page, up to the last page, excluding annexes. The page number is inserted at the bottom of the page, centered.
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- **Chapter titles:** Must be numbered continuously, and subchapters will be numbered according to the chapter number, without using more than 3 digits for their numbering (for example: 1.2.1.). From a technical point of view, automatic styles (Heading 1, Heading 2, etc.) will not be applied. Authors have the obligation to format the titles exclusively manually, respecting the dimensions and style indicated in the previous section.
  - **Footnotes:** Footnotes will be drawn up based on the *insert footnote* function as follows: *author name, work title, publishing house, location and year of publication, citation page*. If it is an electronic source, it is necessary to insert the source link, together with the access date.

We present, by way of example, the accepted method for structuring footnotes:

**Doctrinal source:** L. Pop, I.F. Popa, S.I. Vidu, *Drept Civil. Obligațiile* ("Civil Law, Obligations"), 2nd Edition, Universul Juridic Publishing, Bucharest 2020, p. 149

**Online source:** Essex Court Chambers (2021, May) *CJEU Judgment: Guidance as to Application of The Precautionary Principle* available at: <https://essexcourt.com/cjeu-judgment-guidance-as-to-application-of-the-precautionary-principle> accessed on 02.09.2025 at 13:04



**Specialized articles:** V. Stoica, "*Despre ineficacitatea actului juridic civil*" ("On the Ineffectiveness of the Civil Juridical Act"), in *Revista Română de Drept Privat* ("Romanian Private Law Review"), no. 1/2013, p. 25

**Case law:** High Court of Cassation and Justice, 1st Civil Section, *Decision no. 1532 of October 12, 2018*, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 23 of January 10, 2019

**Legislation:** *Law no. 303/2022 on the statute of judges and prosecutors* (Legea nr. 303/2022 privind statutul judecătorilor și procurorilor), published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 1102 of November 16, 2022.

- **Bibliography:**

The last page of the paper must contain the bibliography used, at the end of the work, on a distinct page. Unlike the body of the work, the list of references will be technically drafted using a line spacing of 1.15. The bibliography must be set out in the following bibliographic subchapters:

- Doctrine
- Specialized articles and studies
- Sources in electronic format
- Case law
- Legislation

The bibliography is required to contain a minimum of 10 bibliographic sources, regardless of the subchapters they belong to.

- **Length**

We strongly prefer submissions that respect the following length limits (including all text, footnotes, and annexes):



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## Articles: 10-15 pages

Alignment with the technical drafting requirements constitutes an essential condition for acceptance. Failure to comply with them may result in either a request to redo the work or direct rejection by the editorial team.

We emphasize that any contribution proposed for publication will be subject to verification in an accredited similarity detection system (anti-plagiarism).

For author guidance, the detailed conditions and the standard drafting template are available online, at the *Publication Guidelines* section: [www.umfstlawreview.ro](http://www.umfstlawreview.ro)

## Duties of the Editorial Committee

Our selection process is one that requires a period of time, as it includes different steps that we must go through to be sure that the manuscript is in the best form and has the best content to be published.

**The first step** is the review of the technical editing conditions. If the article respects all criteria, the work moves to the next phase. If the criteria are not respected or improvements are needed, the article is sent back to the author for editing. If the committee decides that the article should not continue, then the article is rejected from publication. This phase lasts a maximum of 2 days/article.

**The second step** and the most important one represents the citations that must be verified. A person from the Council will ensure that the article contains sources and citations that are valid, relevant, and correct. If the citations and sources are good, then the article moves to the next step. If the sources are non-existent, irrelevant, or false, the article is automatically excluded from the Review. If the sources and citations are merely taken wrongly or written wrongly, then the article is sent back to the author to be revised for mistakes. This phase lasts a maximum of 5 days/article.



**The third step** is the scientific quality of the article. Members of the Committee will have to make observations and proposals for improving the article. There are four main categories that will be indicated in the review of the article in this phase:

- Novelty/originality
- Quality of documentation
- Relevance
- Research phase of the subject

These categories will be the most important in this phase, and the members of the Board of Directors reviewing in this phase will have to make decisions regarding them. This phase lasts a maximum of one week/article.

**The last step** is the Editorial Committee vote. After each article goes through the previous steps, the Council will convene. For each article, the reviewer will have to justify the reasons *pro* or *contra*. After each reviewer's presentation is presented for an article, a vote will take place. The article will be published with a majority of votes (50%+1).

## Final Considerations

The selection procedure aims to guarantee a scientific level of excellence, according to the standards assumed by **UMFST Law Review**. Given the high editorial demands, the review process requires an appropriate time interval for an in-depth analysis. During this stage, authors will be notified by e-mail regarding the status of the evaluation or any necessary clarifications.

The Review adopts a **zero tolerance policy regarding plagiarism**. Any deviation from the norms of academic integrity attracts not only the immediate rejection of the manuscript but also a permanent ban for the author in question from publishing in future volumes of the Review.