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ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Business and Financial Laws at NLU Delhi was established to develop intellectual leadership and capabilities in the field of banking, capital markets, and other financial services. It seeks to engage public and private stakeholders for working together on exchange of ideas, policy recommendations, and allied regulatory issues. It also aims to generate scholarship and work as a think tank for the robustness and soundness of the business sector, including regularly undertaking advanced research and policy work for projects in collaboration with various government and private agencies. Further, it undertakes events with the aim to generate and disseminate information, involve professionals and students in dialogues, and improve the understanding of legal matters. On the publication side, the centre's flagship blog, the CBFL Blog, has over the last few years grown to become one of India's most sought-after blogs in the area of corporate and commercial laws, with a large number of articles submitted to it each day and a highly selective editorial process managed completely by members of the centre.

ABOUT THE NLUD BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL LAW REVIEW (NLUD BFLR)

The NLUD Business and Financial Law Review (NLUD BFLR) is the newly-launched flagship commercial law journal of the Centre for Business and Financial Laws at NLU Delhi, the inaugural volume of which is set to be published in September 2025. The NLUD BFLR intends to serve as a source of cutting-edge contemporary discourse on issues relevant to the areas of corporate and commercial laws, by publishing high-quality articles authored by students, academicians, and practitioners. The focus of the publication will be on the latest developments in commercial law, ensuring relevance to contemporary legal and financial challenges so as to encourage critical analysis, reform proposals, and comparative studies to contribute to the evolution of business law in India and globally.

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The journal would accept and publish articles dealing with the following themes and areas of law, under the broad umbrella of corporate and commercial laws:

- Banking and Finance Law
- Company Law
- Competition Law
- Contract Law
- Employment Law
- Foreign Investment
- Insolvency Law
- Insurance Laws
- Securities Law and Capital Markets
- Taxation Law

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The NLUD Business and Financial Law Journal is now accepting submissions for its inaugural edition (Volume I). The deadline for submissions is 27 April 2025. The editorial board will endeavour to review and process the submissions within six weeks starting from the submission deadline.

Categories of Submissions

- Long Articles (Above 5000 words)
- Essays (3000 - 5000 words)
- Book Reviews or Case/Legislative Comments (1500 - 3000 words)

[These word limits are exclusive of footnotes and merely indicative. Speaking footnotes are discouraged. The Editorial Board retains discretion with regard to the flexibility in word limit]

Manuscript Guidelines

- Submissions must not be descriptive in nature. The author(s) must ensure that the submission is critically evaluative while contributing to the existing literature/jurisprudence on the subject matter.

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word format (doc. or docx.).
- Co-authorship is limited to a maximum of two individuals. However, this limit may be relaxed at the discretion of the Editorial Board on a case-by-case basis.
- The manuscript must be in A-4 size, with 1-inch margins on all four sides.
- Formatting guidelines for main text:
 - 1) **Font Style:** Times New Roman
 - 2) **Font Size:** 12
 - 3) **Line Spacing:** 1.15
 - 4) **Alignment:** Justified
- Internal headings must comply with the following format:
 - 1) First-level headings should be numbered I, II and so on.
 - 2) Second-level headings should be numbered A, B and so on.
 - 3) Third-level headings should be numbered (i), (ii) and so on.

- Formatting guidelines for footnotes:
 - 1) **Font Style:** Times New Roman
 - 2) **Font Size:** 10
 - 3) **Line Spacing:** 1.0
 - 4) **Alignment:** Left Aligned
- All references shall be made using footnotes. Endnotes and in-text citations are strictly prohibited. Submissions must conform to Bluebook 20th Edition. It is advisable to use Supreme Court Cases (SCC) or All India Reporter (AIR) citations while referencing case law.
- The submissions must include an abstract of not more than 300 words. Additionally, the authors must provide five keywords capturing the theme of the submission.
- All submissions will be mandatorily checked for AI and plagiarised content. Submissions exceeding the 15% limit (for AI and plagiarism) will be summarily rejected.
- Submissions shall be the original work of the author(s). The submissions should not be previously published or be under consideration elsewhere.

- The manuscript must not contain any identifying information, such as the author(s)' name, institutional affiliation, contact details, or any other personal details.

The author(s) bear full responsibility for the accuracy of all facts and information presented in the submission.

Editorial Policy

All submissions shall be subjected to a three-tier double-blind peer review process to ensure high academic and editorial standards.

- **Tier 1** – Preliminary Screening: An initial assessment shall be undertaken to determine at the outset whether the submission falls within the mandate of the journal and complies with the submission guidelines and plagiarism/AI policy. At this stage, the Editorial Board shall preliminarily assess and screen manuscripts based on their substantive content and relevance of topic.

- **Tier 2** – Detailed Substantive and Stylistic Review: The Editorial Board shall undertake a comprehensive evaluation of manuscripts, assessing factors including but not limited to originality, coherence, footnotes, structure, and clarity of arguments. Manuscripts may be sent for incorporation of suggestions and changes at this stage. However, final acceptance is contingent on the satisfaction of the editorial board with the incorporation of the suggestions provided.
- **Tier 3** – Review by Faculty Editor-in-Chief and Student Editor-in-Chief: At the final stage, manuscripts will be reviewed by the Student Editor-in-Chief followed by the Faculty Editor-in-Chief, after which they may be accepted, rejected, or sent back with suggested changes based on the verdict of the aforementioned.

The editorial board reserves the right to reject the manuscript at any stage until final acceptance has been communicated to the authors.

Submission Procedure

- The submission must be made through this **Google Form** only. Submissions made in any other form shall not be accepted.
- The document name must be in the following format "[Full Name of the Author(s)]_[Title of Submission]."
- The deadline for submissions for Volume I of the NLUD BFLR is 11:59 PM on 27 April 2025.

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