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1. Length

**Articles:** 6,000 – 10,000 words (**including footnotes and references**)

**Comments on legal decisions, legislation or regulations:** 2,000 – 5,000 words (**including footnotes and references**)

- Comments should include a concise summary of the facts/background and a short discussion of the key points, but the substance of the comment should be a thoughtful analysis of the issue(s) at hand.

**Short submissions:** 1,000 – 3,000 words

- A short submission could be a book review, topical opinion piece, student standpoint, etc. If interested, please email info@marsafelawjournal.org for guidance.

2. Reference style

**Please use footnotes not endnotes.** The MarSafeLaw Journal conforms to the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA):

- [OSCOLA Full Guide (2012, 4th Ed.)](#)
- [OSCOLA Guide for Citing International Law Sources (2006)](#)
- [OSCOLA Quick Reference Guide](#)

3. Language and style

- Manuscripts must be written in English, using British English spelling (if in doubt, please consult [Oxford Dictionaries Online](#))
- Only proper names should be capitalised (e.g. state not State, unless formal); titles should not be capitalised
- Single quotation marks are preferred over double quotation marks
- Refer to dates in the order day month year (e.g. 1 January 2017)
- Spell out all acronyms and abbreviations at the first instance
- Explanatory text in footnotes should be kept to a minimum
4. Structure

The article or comment should be divided into sections, sub-sections and sub-subsections, formatted as follows:

1. Title of section

1.1. Title of sub-section

1.1.1. Title of sub-subsection

5. Submission of manuscript

- Please use Word format only (e.g. doc or docx, but not pdf)
- Text should be in Times New Roman font, 12 point for the main text, 10 point for the footnotes, 1.5-line spacing
- Please remove the author’s name, affiliation, and any other type of identifying information from the manuscript because all submissions will be subject to a double-blind peer review (author and reviewer remain anonymous); read more about how to remove hidden data and personal information from Word documents
- Submission of a manuscript to the MarSafeLaw Journal implies that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere and that it has not been previously published in the English language

6. Documents to be submitted

- Manuscript (anonymised)
- Abstract, which succinctly captures the content of the article or comment (up to 200 words, anonymised, no footnotes or references)
- 4 – 6 keywords characterising the article or comment (abstract and keywords are used for indexing purposes and to help ensure that readers find it online)
- Short biographical note, which includes the author’s name, title(s) and current affiliation (up to 50 words)

7. Self-archival policy

- The MarSafeLaw Journal has a post-publication archival policy – that is, authors are only permitted to self-archive after the article, comment or submission has been published as an individual piece online or as part of an issue.