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Review's Mission

Focused on interdisciplinary examinations of crime, punishment, and criminal adjudication in domestic, transnational and international contexts, New Criminal Law Review (NCLR) provides timely, innovative commentary and in-depth scholarly analyses on a wide range of criminal law topics. NCLR encourages a variety of methodological and theoretical approaches and is a crucial resource for criminal law professionals in both academia and the criminal justice system. The Review publishes thematic forum sections and special issues, full-length peer-evaluated articles and occasional book reviews.

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- a blinded manuscript without any author names, affiliations, or self-identifying references in the article's text; and
- a title page that is separate from the manuscript, which complies with the specifications laid out below.

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Should you accept another Review's offer to publish a submitted manuscript, please advise the Editor so that we can stop the review process.

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Requests for revisions can be substantial, but they aim to improve the manuscripts' success in the marketplace of ideas and their fit with the Review's mission. Requests to revise are not made lightly and they are not done unless the reviewers and the Editor have a strong sense that manuscripts can be published in the Review. Unless stated otherwise in an offer of publication, requests for revisions are a condition of publication.

Manuscript length limitations

The Review strongly prefers manuscripts that have between 9,000 to 12,000 words, but will consider longer manuscripts, of fewer than 16,400 words in length — the equivalent of 50 law review pages — including text and footnotes. Longer articles are expected to be of significantly higher quality to justify their additional length and may be accepted on the condition of reducing the length of the manuscript.

Submissions should observe the following critical stylistic points:

- Use the term “article” rather than “paper” or “manuscript”.
- Do not use the authorial “I”.
- Avoid split verbs and split infinitives, unless the text would be awkward.
- Use double quotes, rather than single quotes, as your default quotations.
- Use only complete paragraphs (topic sentence, body, and closing sentence).
- Avoid long footnotes and multiple citations for the same/similar proposition.

#### Title Page

- The title page should include:
- The name(s) of the author(s)
- A concise and informative title
- The institutional affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s)
- The e-mail address and telephone number of the submitting author
- Acknowledgments, disclosures, and/or funding information
- Brief descriptions of each author, including professional background and research interests. Here is an example of an author blurb: “Jane Author is Professor of Law at the University of Oregon. She received her doctorates in law and sociology from the University of Oregon. Her major research interests center on criminal procedure, juvenile justice, and punishment.”

#### Abstract Page

Authors should provide an abstract of 150 to 250 words, including three to six keywords for online discoverability.

Abstracts should not employ any undefined abbreviations or references.

The first sentence should provide a general orientation to the subject matter and highlight its importance to criminal law. The last sentence should highlight the article’s conclusions and their significance.

The title should precede the abstract.

#### Text Formatting:

Authors should

- Use a normal, plain font (e.g., 12-point Times Roman) for text.
- Use italics for emphasis, not underlining.
- Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.
- Indent paragraphs, unless they are the first paragraphs following a heading; see below for details.
- Double space main body text, and single space footnotes.

#### Headings

- Headings should be informative and help guide readers through the article’s analysis.
- Headings should be preceded by a blank double-spaced line to separate them from the prior section, but there should not be a blank line between the headings and the text that follows. Text starts flush left next line.

Headings should comply with the following style conventions:

**TITLE: FLUSH LEFT, BOLD, ALL CAPS**

*Author: Flush left, non-bold italic, Upper and Lower case*

**INTRODUCTION: FLUSH LEFT, BOLD, ALL CAPS**

For headings, please specify the heading level in brackets before the text. Up to five levels can be accommodated. Below is an example:

[Level 1 Head] POLICE DISCRIMINATION AND THE CONSTITUTION

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[Level 5 Head] Stop-and-Frisk Policies

**CONCLUSION: FLUSH LEFT, BOLD, ALL CAPS**

**REFERENCES: FLUSH LEFT, BOLD, ALL CAPS**

Example:

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

Authors should:

- Avoid acronyms, unless they are popularly known.
- Define abbreviations when first mentioned and use them consistently thereafter.

Specific content requirements

- The introduction should introduce readers to the article's subject matter and highlight the significance of the article's contribution to legal doctrine and broader society.
- The conclusion should summarize the article's argument, highlight key points made, and emphasize the manuscript's significance. Standing alone, addressing a novel point is not a significant contribution.

Citation format

Due to its multidisciplinary nature, the Review accepts either of two popular citation styles:

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<https://www.legalbluebook.com/Public/Introduction.aspx>.

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