



ROLLING CALL FOR ARTICLES

AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (AJIP)

Article submissions are invited for publication in the *African Journal of Intellectual Property* (AJIP) published by Africa University in collaboration with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). AJIP is published in June and December every year. Articles are accepted on a rolling basis.

This scholarly journal is a peer-reviewed, bi-annual publication which aims to respond to the growing need for documentation of, and access to research in diverse aspects of intellectual property in Africa. A special feature of the journal is the promotion of African scholarship and research emanating from universities, research institutions, legal practice, administrative bodies, the judiciary and other sectors with a stake in intellectual property policy, administration, enforcement and management. While providing a platform to publish research in core intellectual property subjects including patents, copyright, designs, trademarks, traditional knowledge etc, the journal also welcomes submissions on intellectual property-related issues in health, education, food security, the environment etc. In this way, the journal aims to fill the gap in existing academic journals by encouraging interdisciplinary research.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

Manuscript Preparation

The journal welcomes articles, case reviews, statute reviews, book reviews, practitioner pieces, commentaries and other original submissions. Submissions should be original contributions, not previously published and should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Peer Review Process

All submissions will be peer-reviewed through the double-blind system. Among other things, reviewers will evaluate the originality, relevance, accuracy, rigour and general suitability of the submission for publication in AJIP.

Prospective authors are advised to not include their names in the main text or as running headers and footers. There is no absolute upper or lower word limit for submissions. However, as a general guide, it is expected that articles should fall within the range of 4 000 and 5 000 words, while practitioner pieces, statute, case and book reviews as well as comments should be between 1 000 and 3 000 words. Submissions should be in Times New Roman, 12 point font, with 1 ½ lines spacing. An abstract of 150-250 words is required at the point of submission. This should include four or five key words.

Referencing Style

Contributors are to follow the American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style in which:

- in-text citations should state author, date and where appropriate page number; and
- the reference list, entered alphabetically, must include all the works cited in your article.

Please aim to incorporate footnotes into the text. If notes are unavoidable, they should come at the end of the article (end notes) and must be brief and to the point.

Quotations

Short quotes of less than three lines (under 40 words) should run on as part of your sentence with “double quotation marks” to signal where the quote starts and ends. The page where the quote comes from must be included.

Long quotes known as block quotes or indented quotes (more than 40 words) should:

- start on a new line
- be set at 10 point font
- be indented about 5 spaces from the left hand margin
- be single spaced
- not have quotation marks.

Spelling

UK English spelling is preferred and should conform to the most recent edition of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary.

Manuscript Submission

Submissions should be emailed as attachments in Microsoft Word Format to the Managing Editor, on ajipjournal@africau.edu and ajipjournal@aripo.org. In a separate file, please provide the name, designation, institutional affiliation, educational background, contact information and other biographical details of the author (s).