CALL FOR ARTICLES

AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (AJIP)

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). Article submissions are accepted on a rolling basis. Publication is done in June and December every year. Articles to be considered for publication in December 2019 must be submitted by 30 September 2019.

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. The journal offers an opportunity to publish works which promote a deeper understanding of the importance and role of diverse intellectual property rights in promoting development and growth. It welcomes submissions which explore how intellectual property laws and policies are being used and may be further improved across the continent for the benefit of African populations. 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.

Peer Review Process

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

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.

Assessment for publication will be undertaken using the double-blind peer review system. 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 2500 and 4000 words, while practitioner pieces, statute, case and...
book reviews as well as comments should be between 1000 and 3000 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
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**Spelling**
UK English spelling is preferred and should conform to the most recent edition of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary.

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