

SUBMISSION GUIDELIENS FOR ARTICLES & BLOGS

Project 39A welcomes original Articles and Blogs that contribute constructively to criminal law, policy and institutional reform. Our publication platform serves as a forum for high-quality public scholarship that informs legal debate, supports policy development and encourages critical engagement with contemporary issues surrounding the criminal justice system.

I. Eligible Contributors and Publication Themes

Project 39A welcomes contributions from a diverse pool of writers working on or engaging with the criminal justice system or allied fields, including but not limited to lawyers, students, academics, researchers, journalists and other practitioners from allied disciplines. We accept submissions centred around themes relevant to the criminal justice system, including but not limited to capital punishment, legal aid, access to justice, custodial violence, mental health, forensics and others. We remain equally receptive to submissions exploring other questions that lie within, intersect with, or emerge at the boundaries of the criminal justice system.

II. Submission Format and Guidelines

Every submission should present original arguments, supported by accurate legal authorities, empirical evidence or other reliable sources. Submissions should maintain high standards of academic integrity. Project 39A publishes for a diverse readership and contributors should write in simple language, explain technical concepts where necessary and communicate complex ideas without unnecessary jargon.

- Word Count: 800-1500 words for Blogs and 2500-3000 words for Articles. Exceptions may be made if deemed appropriate by the editors. Ensure that the title clearly communicates the topic and conveys the essence of the piece to the reader.
- Title: A clear, descriptive title
- Formatting: Times New Roman, Size- 12, single spaced with 1-inch margins
- Author Bio: 50-100 words, to be submitted as a separate section at the end of the document
- Anonymised body text: The body of the submission should not contain the author's name or other identifying details. It should appear only in the author bio.
- Author Photograph: Contributors are requested to submit a small headshot for the byline. This is optional but encouraged.
- Co-authorship is permitted for up to two authors.

III. How to submit

- All submissions must be sent through the "Articles & Blog" section of Project 39A's website (www.project39a.com).
- Contributors should use the "Submit an Article/Blog" section of the website, rather than sending submission by any other channel.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.

IV. Editorial Process

- Every submission is reviewed by Project 39A’s editorial team. Compliance with the submission guidelines shall not guarantee publication.
- The editorial team’s decisions on acceptance, revision and publication are final. Where appropriate, authors may be asked to revise their work. An invitation to revise does not constitute acceptance.
- The editorial team reserves full editorial discretion to accept submissions, request revision, invite resubmissions or decline publication. Editorial decisions are final.
- Owing to the volume of submissions, we may not be able to respond to each contributor individually. If you do not receive a response within 30 days, kindly consider your submission to be rejected on this occasion.

V. Style, Language and Referencing

- Write in clear, concise manner and avoid jargon
- Use hyperlinks in your text to direct readers to the online sources (statutes, judgements, reports, articles and the like)
- Where hyperlinks cannot be used, references should follow the latest edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) style.
- All facts, figures and quotations must be accurate and traceable to an identifiable source.
- We are currently accepting submissions only in the English language, though we are presently working to expand our range to other languages as well.

VI. Use of Artificial Intelligence

- All submissions must be original and unpublished.
- Submissions that are Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated will not be accepted.
- Any use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, including but not limited to research, writing or others must be disclosed. Failure to do so will result in immediate rejection.

VII. Ownership, Copyright and Licensing

- The contributor retains copyright in their submission.
- The contributor confirms that the submission is their original, unpublished work, does not infringe any third party’s copyright, and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere at the same time.
- Contributors wishing to cross-post an accepted piece elsewhere, after it has been published on the Project 39A Blog, must seek prior permission from the editorial team and must credit the Project 39A Blog as the original place of publication. The piece can be cross-posted after 48 hours of its first publication.

VIII. Images and Visual Content

- In-body images are welcome if they add value to the content. Any image submitted must either be the contributor’s own work, be copyright-cleared with permissions from the rights holder or carry a license that permits reuse. The source must be stated at the time of submission.

- On pieces dealing with sensitive subject matter, including the death penalty, torture, or ongoing proceedings, the editorial team reserves discretion to decline any image.

IX. Contact

- Questions regarding submissions or these Guidelines may be directed to the Editorial Team through the contact details published on the Project 39A website. Readers are strongly encouraged to carefully go through the submission guidelines prior to making queries, as we may not be able to respond to each and every single query.
- If the piece is accepted for publication, there may be a delay between acceptance and publication in the interests of us managing copy flow. We aim to minimise this where a piece covers a very recent or urgent issue.
- Project 39A is currently active on social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter; and are open to tagging you on these platforms upon publication of the blog, subject to your prior intimation.