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Constitutional Court of Georgia,
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Scientific Journal of the Constitutional Court of Georgia REGULATIONS

Article 1. General Provisions

1. The scientific Journal of the Constitutional Court of Georgia (hereinafter ‘the Journal’) is an international refereed and peer-reviewed publication.
2. The journal aims to publish scientific publications in the field of law and to promote the development of the Georgian scientific school of law.
3. The Journal may likewise publish non-scientific material (analyses of decisions of the Constitutional Court, reports of the President of the Constitutional Court, translations).
4. The title of the Journal is in English „**Legal Culture**“.
5. The Journal has been assigned an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for the Georgian edition.
6. The Journal is published twice a year in both printed and electronic form.
7. The electronic version of the Journal shall be available at the official website of the Journal.
8. The printed version of the Journal shall be available free of charge.
9. The website address of the Journal is: www.legalculture.ge.
10. The email address of the Journal is: jcl@constcourt.ge.

Article 2. Editor of the Journal

1. The activities of the Journal are organized by the Editor of the Journal (hereinafter ‘the Editor’), to be appointed and dismissed by the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
2. The Editor shall ensure the publication of scholarly articles pertaining to science of law.
3. The Editor shall be responsible for the academic quality and content of the Journal.
4. The Editor shall be accountable and responsible to the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
5. The functions of the Editor are as follows:
 - a) Coordinating the publication of the Journal (twice a year);
 - b) Drafting and submitting the editorial policy to the Editorial Council for approval;
 - b) Developing the editorial policy and submitting it to the Editorial Board for approval;
 - c) Developing and implementing the article selection process;
 - d) Processing articles submitted for publication, editing, organizing technical editing and translation; selecting reviewers according to legal fields and submitting articles for peer review;
 - e) Assurance of the academic quality of articles - the monitoring of research methods, subject matter, language quality and structural arrangement in the articles;

- f) Developing ethical, academic and other standards of the Journal, ensuring adherence thereto;
- g) Ensuring adherence to the journal's overall and relevant publication concept when selecting articles;
- h) Control of plagiarism, fabrication and forgery - ensuring the detection of plagiarism, fabrication and forgery during the selection of articles and responding accordingly;
- i) Nominating candidates for membership of the Editorial Council to the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia;
- j) Obtaining and managing funding for the publication of the Journal, translation services, and other associated activities;
- k) Developing appropriate procedures to uphold the quality of the Journal, aimed at identifying shortcomings and problems, ensuring monitoring and ways to correct deficiencies;
- l) Development of publishing procedures, including the establishment of an appropriate publication schedule (timeline), that outlines the deadlines for article submission, article selection, peer review, editing, incorporation of revisions, translation, and other relevant phases, as well as a description of the relevant procedures;
- m) Ensuring the promotion of the Journal through cooperation with the Court's partners;
- n) Liaise with relevant structural units or other institutions, organizations, and representatives of academic circles as needed;
- o) Conducting activities based on professionalism, without discrimination or conflicts of interest. Conducting editorial policy, excluding political, commercial, or other subjective views. p).

Article 4. The Editorial Council of the Journal

1. The Editorial Council (hereinafter 'the Council') is the advisory body for the management of the Journal.
2. The Council shall be composed of 5 members at least, including the Editor of the Journal.
3. The Chairperson of the Council shall be the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
4. Other members of the Council shall be appointed by the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
5. A member of the Council is a representative of a university or organization partnered with the Constitutional Court of Georgia, provided that a duly executed memorandum of cooperation is in force.
6. A member of the Council may be the judge of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, a scholar of recognized standing in the field of law.
7. The members of the council, except for the Editor and the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, shall be elected for a 3-year term. Re-election to the Council membership is not limited.
8. The Council is authorized to:
 - a) Determine the editorial policy of the Journal upon the proposal of the Editor;
 - b) Establish the academic standards of articles upon the proposal of the Editor;
 - c) Select one or more topics for publication upon the initiative of the Editor or other members of the Council;

d) Establish the criteria for selecting articles for the journal upon the proposal of the editor or other members of the Council.

9. The Council shall meet at least twice a year. It is permissible to include Council members in the meetings using electronic means.

10. The Council makes decisions by a majority of those present.

10. The editorial management of the Journal shall be carried out pursuant to acts approved by the President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia.

11. The Council shall determine other issues pertaining to the activities of the Council.

Article 6. Checking articles with Anti-plagiarism Software

1. Plagiarism is not permitted in papers published in the Journal. The author(s) should ensure accurate and correct citation of the source of information contained in the paperwork.

2. Each paperwork submitted for publication in the Journal shall undergo checking with in a designated plagiarism software.

3. Any matches detected by the checker shall be assessed individually by the Editor, who shall determine the correctness thereof.

4. In the event that the checker detects a match, the author shall be notified of the discovery of plagiarism and be required to provide an explanation and correction, for which no more than 10 (ten) working days will be set.

5. In case the checker detects more than 10% exact matches, the author shall be notified of the detection of plagiarism and be required to provide an explanation, no later than 10 (ten) working days. If the author refuses to provide an explanation, the work will not be considered for publication. If the author's explanation indicates an honest mistake or the reason for the match is the researcher's inexperience, the Editor may set a reasonable deadline, no more than 10 (ten) working days, for the author to correct the error.

6. Non-compliance with the requirements of the Editor shall result in the rejection of the paperwork to be published in the Journal.

7. Where plagiarism is alleged in a published work by a third party, the individual detecting the infringement shall be authorized to notify the Editor of the Journal (by email, at: icl@constcourt.ge) and to request an investigation of the fact, as well as a copy of the plagiarism-detection report concerning the identified coincidences. Upon confirmation of plagiarism, the Journal shall publish a statement concerning the plagiarism in the forthcoming edition of the Journal, and the Editor shall reserve the right to reject any future submissions from the author(s) responsible for the infringement.

Article 7. Peer review of articles

1. A scientific article, in certain cases, may be submitted to an anonymous reviewer, provided that it has successfully undergone the anti-plagiarism software check.

2. An article shall be published only if the reviewer has positively assessed the paperwork in accordance with the prescribed criteria.

3. The peer-review process is conducted in complete anonymity.

4. The criteria for evaluating an article are:

- a) Clearly defined purpose;
- b) Analysis of the problem;
- c) The scientifically substantiated conclusion;
- d) The well-structured and logically coherent text;
- e) The title that reflects the content of the article;
- f) The abstract clearly expressing the objectives and outcomes of the article;
- g) The conclusion that logically follows from the main content of the text;
- h) Bibliography should adhere to the established formal requirements;
- i) The language and style of the article should be respected

Article 8. Copyright of articles published in the Journal

1. Authors of the published articles hereby grant the Journal an exclusive license, which includes, *inter alia*, the right to use the material in both print and electronic formats, to translate it and to make visual adaptation. Authors retain the right to modify and reproduce their own works, provided that the Journal is indicated as the original source of publication, and is notified thereof in writing in advance.

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