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*The USLLS ADR Blog invites crisp and analytical submissions pertaining to Alternative Dispute Resolution Laws on a rolling basis.*

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**About the Blog**

The USLLS ADR Blog is an initiative of University School of Law of Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University. We, at USLLS ADR Blog, believe that sustained academic deliberation is required to ensure that the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution Law grows continuously, and becomes the mainstream solution to disputes. Our aim is to provide a conducive platform that fosters discussions and deliberations pertaining to the field of ADR by academicians, researchers, students and practitioners. We hope to promote the culture of ADR and acquire the viewpoints of the various stakeholders in the field. In pursuance of that vision, we have also constituted a diverse Advisory Board consisting of extremely accomplished individuals in the field of ADR so as to enable the Blog to ensure that the viewpoints of the various stakeholders are addressed through the holistic functioning of the Blog.

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We welcome all submissions pertaining to the field of ADR, subject to the following guidelines:

1. Co-authorship up to two authors is allowed. Refrain from mentioning the name, institutional affiliation, or any other detail of the author(s) in the document to facilitate the double-blind review process.
2. Submissions should be original and unpublished work of the author(s). Any form of plagiarism will result in an automatic rejection. Moreover, if the Turnitin similarity index reports over 20% similarity (after making the relevant exclusions such as bibliography, quotes, small matches etc.), then the submission shall be rejected.
3. Submissions should be concise. They should range between 1000-2000 words. Longer posts may be published in parts subject to editorial board’s discretion. The word limit is exclusive of endnotes.

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1. **Formatting Typescript**

* Font Type: Times New Roman
* Font Size: 12
* Line Spacing: 1.5
* Text Alignment: Justified

1. **Citation Style**

* Method of Citation: Endnotes
* Format of Citation: Bluebook 20th edition
* Font Type: Times New Roman
* Font Size: 10
* Line Spacing: 1.0
* Text Alignment: Justified

# **Review Process**

All submissions are put through a rigorous double blind review process where they are evaluated by two editors on different parameters. The review process usually concludes within 14 days from the date of receipt of the acknowledgment of the submission. Once the review is complete, the decision of acceptance (conditional or unconditional) or rejection is communicated to the author. The authors will be provided 10 days to make the necessary changes that may be suggested by the editorial board. It is expected that the authors will make all changes in good faith.

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