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Submission Guidelines

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1. Submissions

- 1.1. The Bristol Law Review (“BLR”) operate an upper word limit policy of 10,000 words. (with a margin of +100 words)
- 1.2. Articles should be accompanied by a brief abstract of 150–200 words and up to 5 keywords.
- 1.3. Work should be double-spaced, justified and without hyphenation, except for compound words.
- 1.4. Where possible use Times New Roman font in size 12 for the text and Symbol for the Greek and special characters.
- 1.5. Please do not underline or embolden any text apart from headings. Emphasis in text is provided by the use of italics.

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- 2.1. BLR uses the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). Please refer to the OSCOLA guidelines for more detailed information and submit pieces according to this style.
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- 2.4. The BLR uses British English spellings.

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