THE ALL-KENYAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION 13TH EDITION

RULES AND POLICIES FOR E JOURNAL

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE AKMCC

The All-Kenyan Moot Court Competition is an annual competition that was conceptualized by students from the Kenyatta University School of Law Parklands in 2013.It gives an opportunity to both students and experts to not only network but also appreciate the development of Human Rights through mooting and research competitions.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE E-JOURNAL.

For the past 12 years, the All-Kenyan Moot Court Competition (herein referred to as AKMCC) has given students and experts an opportunity to not only network but also appreciate the development of Human Rights through mooting and research competitions. The research category brings together researchers from all accredited law schools in Kenya to compete in coming up with theoretically sound solutions to issues concerning Human Rights affairs.

The 11th Edition widened the research category by introducing an E-Journal, which intended to document the progress in academia, research and jurisprudence on human rights in Kenya. In the 13th Edition we seek to widen the scope of the E journal by improving the quality of the research papers through intense expert review and publishing more research papers. The best Research Papers as well as papers from selected experts will be featured in the E-Journal. This is in a bid to widen the platform for students and legal professionals to publish and develop scholarly-based research on human rights. **Our goals are as hereunder;**

1. Publish the best research papers drawn from the annual All Kenyan Moot Court Competitions.
2. Call for papers in line with the AKMCC themes, conduct proper reviews of the same and publish them.

3. A STATEMENT ON THE RULES AND POLICIES TO APPLY

Rules exist to guide actors of various undertakings. They make a level ground upon which every player is to base their game. The AKMCC E-journal is not shy of the same. Hereunder is a list of rules meant to provide proper guidance to all authors who shall grace our journal. Authors are requested to abide by ALL RULES provided as the same shall STRICTLY apply as a gateway to approval of the articles submitted prior to publication.

4. WRITING GUIDELINES

4.1. Affiliation.

Who is eligible to submit articles? Students, legal practitioners as well as professional teams are eligible to submit articles.

4.2. Identity.

Authors will be required to disclose their identity as per their affiliation.

4.3. Article length

All authors must ensure that they align with the word limit. This will vary depending on the type of work one is presenting be it an article, case review or book review. See below for further guidance on the same.

4.4. Headlines.

Headlines must bear a maximum of 15 words.

4.5. Clarity.

Articles submitted must contain a crystal focus. Authors are advised to share their perspectives on the topic at hand and avoid unfortunate situations of reporting facts only.

4.6. Font type.

Articles must bear font type Times New Roman 12 with a spacing of 1.5. The format should be justified.

4.7. Referencing.

Articles must adhere to the OSCOLA style of referencing. Cases used to include full citations. Where unreported cases are used, the author must provide the ruling dates for the same. Double quotation marks to be used where quotation marks will be necessary.

4.8. Authenticity.

A brand can only be better when integrity is the motto. Authors must provide accurate and credible sources of information. Thorough fact checking shall be employed to confirm such accuracy and credibility.

4.9. Originality.

Authors must submit their original work. Additionally, articles submitted must be of unpublished work. In support of this, authors shall be required to sign a declaration of originality form which shall accompany their manuscript. To enhance originality, the plagiarism level **shall not exceed 16%**

5. WORKS THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED

1. **Articles**: A comprehensive and thorough analysis of issues related to the theme of the review are welcome. The word limit for articles is 4000-5000 words
2. **Case Commentaries**: Any academic writing that seeks to analyze or critique recent cases should adhere to the word limit of 3500 and 4500 words

NB. *Articles will only be accepted provided they advance the theme questions or are closely incidental thereto. In case of doubts, please reach out to the editorial team for clarifications.*

6. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All submissions must be in Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5, justified alignment.
2. All footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, Line Spacing 1.0
3. All word limits are inclusive of footnotes.
4. All entries should be submitted in either .doc or .docx form. No pdf will be accepted!
5. The manuscripts must be e-mailed to **(allkenyanmoot@ku.ac.ke)**
6. All submissions must be accompanied with an abstract of no more than 200 words detailing the general arguments and ideas contained in the paper.
7. Attached to the manuscript should be a copy of the Author's Information and Declaration of Originality form appropriately filled (attached below). Manuscripts sent without the form shall not be considered.

8. Submission deadline: All manuscripts should have been submitted by **19th March ,2025, by 1159 EAT**. Any submission after this date will not be accepted.

7. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. All works submitted must not have been submitted for publishing or published in any other forum.
2. The authors must ensure accuracy of all facts and opinions expressed in the manuscript.
3. In case of detection of gross plagiarism in manuscripts submitted, the manuscript will be subject to automatic rejection.
4. AKMCC E-journal shall retain all copyright arising out of any publications including the right to publish and distribute to the public select manuscripts.
5. In case of further queries and clarifications, you can reach out to the editorial team at:(allkenyanmoot@ku.ac.ke)

8. DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY

1. **I** understand what plagiarism is and I am aware of the fact that plagiarism will lead to an automatic rejection of any submitted work
2. **I** declare that this… (article/case review/legislative commentary/notes/Response) is my own original work. Whenever I have made reliance on previously published works, I have properly acknowledged the author.
3. **I** have not submitted another person's work as my own.
4. **I** have sufficiently acknowledged the person we co-authored the work with (applies exclusively in co-authorship)
5. **I** am aware of the fact that the written work submitted may be subject to electronic test for plagiarism.

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