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Católica Law Review

Peer Review Regulation

1 — The articles submitted to the Católica Law Review are subject to peer-review under a double-blind system, following the rules laid down in these by-laws

2 — The reviewing request is assigned to two members of the Editorial Board appointed by the Director of the CRCFL.

3 — The reviewers are drawn from a permanent pool of academics of recognized merit, external and independent.

4 — Articles should be submitted by email (catolicalawreview.fd@ucp.pt), in Word format, until December 15th, May 15th and August 30th, and the Editorial Board will confirm the emails reception.

5 — The submitted articles should be original and free from plagiarism.

6 — Each article submitted is assigned to a reviewer, elected by the Editorial Board in light of her academic record in the area to which the article belongs and drawn from a permanent pool of academics of recognized merit, external and independent.

7 — The assessment focuses exclusively on the scientific quality of the article and should meet the following criteria:

(a) Relevance of the topic;

(b) Thoroughness of the research;

(c) Case law and bibliographical references;

(d) Logical consistency and technical precision;

(e) Correction, clarity and textual organization.

8 — The reviewer's judgment is conveyed through the evaluation form provided by the Editorial Board and should be reported within 30 days.

9 — Delays shall result in the selection of a new reviewer.

10 — The reviewer may recommend:

a) Publication

b) Rejection

c) Reformulation

11 — In the case of reformulation, the author will be asked to reformulate the paper following the guidelines provided by the reviewer.

12 — A refusal to reformulate is tantamount to withdrawal of the article from the submission process.

13 — After reformulation the paper will be submitted to new appreciation by the same reviewer, which will decide whether the reformulation guidelines were followed and if the paper should be published.

14 — In the case of negative evaluation, the author can ask for an appreciation of three reviewers, indicated by the Directed of the CRCFL, whose majority final decision cannot be appealed.

15 — The Editorial Board reserves itself the right to reject papers due to editorial rules and constraints and must report that fact to the author within 20 days starting from February 1st or September 1st, according to the papers submission date.

16 — Additional information about text limits and style guide are determined in a document attached to this Regulation.

17 — The quality of the reviewing process is annually assessed by the Scientific Board of the magazine.

18 — The Editorial Board shall decide on any issues not foreseen nor defined by the present by-laws.

19 — This regulation will be reviewed within the maximum deadline of two years, to assess the experience previously acquired.