

Call For Papers: NALSAR Law Review (NLR) – Volume 11

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About NALSAR Law Review

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The *NALSAR Law Review* serves as an invaluable platform for Legal Luminaries, Practitioners, Professionals and Research Scholars alike to probe contemporary legal issues, dissect pivotal legal developments, and explore the intricate societal reverberations of legal doctrines and decisions. With its rigorous peer-review process, the journal upholds the highest standards of academic integrity and scholarly rigour, ensuring that only contributions of exceptional quality and relevance grace its pages.

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- 1.1. The submission process is facilitated through email, inclusive of peer review.
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