UIL: BULLETIN

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With a vision to provide quality education, to enable them to excel in the legal sphere, University Institute of Laws (UIL), has made its presence felt in the legal world ever since its inception in July' 2003. Since then, everyone is working hard to realize this vision by imparting not just learning, but value and ethics based integrated learning, since moral values can't be taught, they have to be caught. UIL has fulfilled a long-cherished dream of having a Centre of Excellence in Legal Education in the Manchester of State of Punjab (Ludhiana) through Late Lala Lajpat Rai, Member of Rajya Sabha. Presently the institution imparts legal education under the able leadership of Prof. Aman Amrit Cheema, Director, UIL, PURC, through three courses, LL.M, LL.B 3 year and B.A. LL.B (Hons.) 5 year integrated course. The UIL have been established to serve as the prerequisite of universalization of education in general and legal education in particular. On the whole, the objective of UIL is to equip the learners with the skills of eminent advocates, professionals and academicians. The future belongs to UIL because we believe in the beauty of our dreams. The institution has added a new feather in its cap of achievements with the launch of a Bulletin UIL: Bulletin.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN

UIL Bulletin is a Bulletin on interdisciplinary studies on law and society. It is based at Ludhiana, Punjab, and published from University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre. The Bulletin seeks to present a dedicated forum of debate on the cultural, economic, political and social lives of international and national law. Published **Quarterly** in April, August and December, the bulletin solicits articles, notes and comments covering judicial decisions, legislative developments, and empirical research on legal system, and theoretical analysis from related fields of inquiry. We welcome submissions from academicians, practitioners, policymakers and students from within the legal and social science community and have a strong preference for articles, case notes, departmental activities, faculty achievements etc., that are not descriptive but prescriptive and argumentatively focused.

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin subscribes to an expansive view on the interpretation of law and society. Seldom does either perfectly mirror the other. These inaccuracies need to be minimized, and this bulletin is hence a step towards it. The Bulletin works on the following objectives.

• In a globalised world, it is imperative to carve out a niche for Indian thought and understanding. This would be best served through a socio-legal understanding of our concerns, based in and influenced by our historical, political, and economic context.

- The Bulletin subscribes to the view that law is a reflection of a society's fears, inhibitions, values and aspirations. The body of law therefore must continually evolve to suit the needs of a dynamic world.
- The Bulletin tries to fill the lacunae relating to academic debate on socio-legal matters among legal fraternity and students.
- It would include not just writing about the role played by law in social change, or the role played by social dynamics in the formulation and implementation of law, but also writing that simply takes cognizance of legal institutions, institutions of governance, administration, power structures in social commentary etc.
- Through the medium of our Bulletin, we wish to bring awareness amongst the general public and law fraternity in particular about the current happenings in the area of law. It would also broadcast the events that took place in University Institute of Laws and highlight the academic achievements of the faculty.

We, therefore invite you to help us in our endeavor to bring a change that is required so that we can better serve the common objectives of law and society.

2. NATURE OF SUBMISSIONS

Articles (2000-3000 words, inclusive of footnotes): Submissions in this category should provide a comprehensive analysis of a particular issue in the law and society domain, with a specific discussion of the legal nuances. It should review the existing literature extensively and also highlight the specific contemporary developments in the issue being discussed. The authors are encouraged to discuss the challenges surrounding the issue and to suggest changes to overcome the same. Invited article for each issue shall be preferred. Although the theme of the article is kept open-ended and inclusive but adherence to the following themes will be appreciated:

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- Law and Cinema
- Law and Literature
- Law and Music/Song/Couplet
- Law and Visual Arts
- Law and Linguistics
- Law and History
- Law and Mythology
- Law and Spirituality
- Law and Morality

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Case Comments (1000-2000 words, inclusive of footnotes): Submissions in this category would include a comprehensive analysis of a recent judicial pronouncement, engaging with the underlying socio-legal theme. It should provide an analysis of the law

prior to the ruling as well as the subsequent implications of the ruling. The comment could also highlight the inconsistencies associated with the judgment, if any.

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- Legal Jotting
 - o Editorial Note
 - Legislative Trends
 - o Legal Question/Answers
 - Case Comments & Book Reviews
- At University Institute of Laws
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 - o Co-Curricular Activities at University Institute of Laws
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3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Contact Address: The Bulletin accepts postal as well as electronic form of submissions and they should be posted on the following address:

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Deadline: The Bulletin accepts submissions on a rolling basis from **Faculty Members**, **Academicians**, **Students**, and **Professionals**.

Covering Letter: All submissions must be accompanied with a covering letter, containing the name of the author, institutional affiliation, title and category of the submission and a contact address of the author, including the e-mail address. Submissions should be sent only as MS word attachments with the title of the article as the file name.

Theme: The Editorial Board has refrained from imposing a theme of this issue. A submission is welcome as long as it is in tune with the **Objectives of the Bulletin** as outlined above.

Decision on Publication: The Bulletin acknowledges the receipt of submissions through email only, so kindly provide us with your email address. The decision on publication generally takes around 8 weeks. The issue is out in print within 4 weeks of a decision to publish. Relaxation of any rules regarding submissions is subject to the discretion of the Board of Editors.

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Abstract: All submissions must contain an abstract of not more than 250 words describing the relevant conclusions drawn in the paper.

Title: The Bulletin does not recommend any specific guidelines regarding the titles and sub-titles. However, the main titles must be centered, typed in small capitals and emphasized in bold. The titles must be uniform, concise and descriptive.

Quotations and Foreign words: Quotations should be clearly indicated and it is vital that they are accurate. Double quotation marks should be inserted at the beginning and end of every quotation and where the quotation will run to more than forty words it should be typed as a separate paragraph. Foreign words not currently absorbed into the English language should be italicized, *e.g.*, "inter alia", "bona fide" etc.

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