

THE LAW REFORMER

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Law Reformer Journal Submissions

The Law Reform Commission is pleased to invite for subscription of articles in the form of original essays and commentaries on issues more tailored to legal practitioners. Incoming subscriptions are intended for the third publication due in **December, 2009**.

Persons from whom Subscriptions are invited, Themes and Selected Topics for Coverage

Articles are invited from members of the legal community, judges, magistrates, practitioners, law professors, legislators, law students, human rights and other social activists, politicians as well as members of the general public on legal or social issues of public interest :- (i) which might have a bearing directly on current events unfolding in society; (ii) which might seek to influence legislators and policy makers outside of academia; and (iii) which seek to set forth observations that are new and useful in the community and for the wellbeing of Tanzania's society. The Journal also accepts essays on particular issues that are thematically appropriate and contribute a unique and useful perspective.

The Mandate of the Commission Publishing the Journal

The Law Reform Commission publishing the Law Reformer Journal is an independent Department of the Government established by the Law Reform Commission of Tanzania Act, [Cap. 171, R.E. 2002] with the mandate of taking

and keeping under constant review, all the law of Tanzania for the purpose of its development and reform.

Aims and Objectives of the Journal

For more effective performance of its functions, the Commission is required to establish and maintain a system of collaboration, consultation and cooperation with any person or body of persons in carrying out its law reform activities. In that regard, the Commission has considered it appropriate to establish a system for obtaining views and opinions from experts and the general public on a variety of issues, especially on laws that the Commission is examining, with a view to obtaining information, views and opinions relating to the laws of the country in general and on the legal systems of other countries, to facilitate better understanding of the laws of the country and of law reform activities in other countries.

The Law Reformer Journal is one such platform that the Commission uses to disseminate information on different aspects of the law and to solicit the views of legal practitioners and of the general public on what improvements that need to be made to our laws so that they respond to the current needs of the society and are at the same time in line with international best practices. Thus, the Journal focuses its attention on raising public awareness of contemporary legal issues and aspires to act as a forum for high-quality debate on issues of law reform in an easy-to read format.

Subject Matter of Articles to be Submitted and Deadline for Submission

Articles for the Journal may be written on any branch of law; specific legislation; legal concept or system; administration of civil or criminal justice; environmental laws; human rights laws; constitutional law; electoral laws and or laws relating to leadership code of ethics. In order to meet publication deadlines, we would appreciate to receive article for publication by **10/07/2009** and the article should preferably be submitted in electronic form.

Length of Subscriptions

The references should be cited in foot- note form. The number of words in articles submitted for publication should be between 1000 – 5000, single space and Times News Romans font. If a submission goes beyond this upper limit, each word over 5000 must be integral to the submission’s central argument in order for the article to be accepted. As indicated above, we would prefer articles to be written in a style accessible to a general audience of practitioners and policy makers.

Style Guide

We would further suggest that the article should be written in a conversational tone and the thesis of the article should be stated promptly, clearly and briefly. All submissions will be assessed by an editorial committee and be formatted accordingly. Subscribers will be informed within 12-16 weeks of receipt of their submissions on various factors of the review, and whether their articles have been accepted for publication. This timeframe is however indicative only as the actual time for response may vary depending on other factors.

Early Indication of Intention to Subscribe

Persons who intend to subscribe to the forth coming edition of the Journal are kindly requested to indicate their response to this invitation within two weeks of this announcement/invitation indicating briefly the areas/subjects they intend to cover in their submissions, also giving indication as to when the Secretary of the Editorial Committee should expect to receive their articles.

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Responses to this invitation should be communicated to the Secretary of the Editorial Committee at the address given below:

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