

## Guideline for Authors

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### 1. Format:

#### 1.1. Main text:

- Font: Times New Roman; font size: 12; line spacing: 1.2; top margin: 2.0 cm; bottom margin: 2.0 cm; left margin: 3.0 cm; right margin: 2.0 cm.
- Headings: No more than 3 levels
  - First level: 1, 2, 3, etc.
  - Second level: 1.1., 1.2., 1.3., etc.
  - Third level: a., b., c., etc.

#### 1.2. Footnotes:

- Font: Times New Roman; font size: 10; line spacing: single; all footnotes ends with a full stop.

### 2. Citation:

2.1. **Verbatim quotations:** Double quotation marks (“,”) are used for any verbatim quotation and the quoted text is presented in italics.

2.2. **Books:** <Author’s full name(s) (year of publication)>, <book title (in italics)>, <publisher>, <place of publication>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Nguyen Ngoc Hoa (2019), *Crime and criminal composition*, Judicial Publishing House, Hanoi, p. 16.

2.3. **Translated books:** <Author’s full name (s) (year of publication)>, <book title (in italics)>, <translator full name(s) (trans.)>, <publisher>, <place of publication>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Rene David (2003), *Major legal systems in the contemporary world*, Nguyen Si Dung, Nguyen Duc Lam (trans.), Ho Chi Minh City Publishing House, p. 17.

2.4. Book chapters: <Author's full name (s) (year of publication)>, < "book chapter title">, <in :> <full name (s) editor or editors (ed./eds.)>, <book title (in italics)>, <publisher>, <place of publication>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Thai Vinh Thang (2019), "Renovation of representative democracy in Vietnam today", in: Tran Quang Huy, Chu Manh Hung, Vu Thi Lan Anh (eds.), *Vietnamese jurisprudence – Contemporary issues*, Judicial Publishing House, Hanoi, p. 26.

2.5. **Journal articles:** <Author's full name(s) (year of publication)>, <"article title">, <journal title (in italics)>, <Volume (Vol.)/Issue (No.) number>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Nguyen Van Quang (2021), "Legislative delegation and supervision of legislative delegation in New Zealand and suggestions for Vietnam", *Journal of Legal Studies*, No. 6, p. 52.

2.6. **Published conference proceedings papers:** <Author's full name(s) (year of publication)>, <paper title>, <conference proceedings title (in italics)>, <publisher>, <place of publication>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Nguyen Minh Doan (2020), "Some new approaches to the theory of state and law in Vietnam today", *Proceedings of the Conference: Modern theoretical issues on the state and law*, National University Publishing House, Hanoi, p. 80.

2.7. **Unpublished conference proceedings papers:** <Author's full name(s) (year of organizing the conference)>, <paper title>, <conference proceedings title (in italics)>, <institution(s) organizing the conference>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Vu Thi Lan Anh (2021), "Covid-19 pandemic - Impacts on socio-economic life and the legal system", *Proceedings of the conference: Covid-19 pandemic and related legal issues*, Hanoi Law University, p. 10.

2.8. **Research projects:** <chief investigator's full name(s) (chief investigator) (year of approving the project research results)>, <research project title (in italics)>, <research project level>, <institution(s) managing the research project>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Doan Trung Kien (chief investigator) (2020), *Training and fostering human resources in the Justice Sector to meet the requirements of the 4.0 Industrial Revolution*, Ministry-level research project, Ministry of Justice, p. 40.

2.9. **Reports of a research project:** <investigator's full name(s) (year of approving the project research results)>, <"report title">, <in: research project title (in italics)>, <chief investigator full name(s) (chief investigator)>, <research project level>, <institution(s) managing the research project>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Nguyen Van A (2022), "Experience in building urban government models in countries around the world", *Building urban government models in Hanoi City*, Chu Manh Hung (chief investigator), province-level research project, Hanoi City, p. 50.

2.10. **Dissertations:** <Author's full name(s) (year of defense)>, <dissertation title (in italics)>, <Master/Doctor dissertation>, <training institution>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Tran Van C (2022), *Improving the law on sharing economy in Vietnam today*, doctor of laws dissertation, Hanoi Law University, p. 15.

2.11. **Electronic materials/Websites:** <Author's full name(s) or Institution (year of publication)>, <title (in italics)>, <https:// address >, last accessed on <date of last access>.

**Example:** WTO (2022), *General overview of WTO work on government procurement*, [https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/gproc\\_e/overview\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/overview_e.htm), last accessed on Sep. 3, 2022.

2.12. **Subsequent citations:**

▪ Use *id.* when citing the immediately preceding authority within the same footnote or within the immediately preceding footnote when the immediately preceding footnote contains only one authority. If the subsequent citation is to the same material but a different page, put the new cited page number after *id.*

**Example:** Footnote 1: Nguyen Ngoc Hoa (2019), *Crime and criminal composition*, Judicial Publishing House, Hanoi, p. 16. Footnote 2: *Id.* (citing the immediately preceding authority within immediately preceding footnote and footnote 1 contains only one authority) or Foot note 2: *Id.*, p.19. (the citation at footnote 2 is to the same book but a different page (page 19 but not page 16)).

▪ Use *supra* to refer to a previously fully cited authority in an early footnote but not the immediately preceding one and the format is as follows:<Author's full name>, *supra* <footnote number of the referred note>, <cited page number>.

**Example:** Footnote 1: Nguyen Ngoc Hoa (2019), *Crime and criminal composition*, Judicial Publishing House, Hanoi, p. 16. Footnote 4: Nguyen Ngoc Hoa, *supra* note 1, p.19. (referring to the fully cited authority in footnote 1 at page 19).

**3. References:**

The list of "References" must be attached to the main text of the article in which all the citations of the referred scholarly works in the article are presented in alphabetical order by the last names of authors without cited page numbers./.