

THE ABA SIL INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE JOURNAL PUBLICATION GUIDELINES Y2015-16

I. OVERVIEW

The ABA SIL International Human Rights Committee invites submissions for the inaugural issue of its new quarterly publication, *CLARION: The IHRC Journal of Human Rights* (hereinafter “*The Clarion*”)

The Clarion complements and broadens existing writing and publications opportunities offered by the ABA Section of International Law and International Human Rights Committee (e.g., [The Year-in-Review](#), [The International Lawyer](#), [International Law News](#), R&Rs, Blanket Authority Statements, Technical Comments, etc). It accomplishes this by providing a trusted, premier interdisciplinary forum for human rights advocates from a myriad of disciplines to discuss the most recent news, books and periodicals, innovations, trends, concerns, challenges encountered, and solutions or recommendations adopted in the field of human rights. The journal aims to foster critical analysis, dialogue, debate, education, awareness, activism and encourages diverse, interdisciplinary approaches to human rights issues at home and within the international community.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION & QUALIFICATIONS

The section below address some of the most common questions posed. Questions, such as Who are the Journal Editors? Who can submit a paper? What are the submission standards? Is there a word or page limit? How do I format the paper? How do I cite primary and secondary sources? What is the deadline? Who owns the rights to an article published in *The Clarion*?

Journal Editors & Publication Vice Chairs

- [Luke Wilson](#)
- [John Mukum Mbaku](#)

Objective & Scope: The objective of *The Clarion* is to publish high caliber, thought-provoking legal articles, notes, reviews, and commentaries from a diverse field of professionals who share a common interest in the advancement of human rights issues. Many readers will already be familiar with the developments under discussion; many, however, will not. Therefore, each article should not only provide an overview of the pertinent facts or context but also a sense of their significance as it relates to the subject of the articles.

Other Uses: Papers selected for publication may appear in digital format and/or in print. Both members and non-members of the ABA Section of International Law will be able to access the journal through the IHRC’s webpage and blog. Certain papers may be eligible for section publications or selected as topics for committee hosted events, including teleconference and seasonal or regional conference programs.

Deadline: All papers for the Spring-Summer 2016 Inaugural Edition must be submitted to the [Journal Editors](#) no later than **Friday, April 15 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Key Dates

- Abstract & Bio Deadline: March 31, 2016
- Paper & Publication Agreement Deadline: April 15, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET
- Notification of Acceptance: April 29, 2016

Who can submit a paper? *The Clarion* encourages submissions from diverse interdisciplinaries, including but not limited to: legal professionals, human rights advocates, law school students, scholars, researchers, educators, journalists, photojournalists, medical practitioners, humanitarian aid workers, social entrepreneurs, environmentalist, technology experts, grassroot activists, nonprofit organizations, NGOs, IGOs, law firms, and governmental agencies and employees.

- **Submission Standards:** *The Clarion* seeks articles and submissions of high quality that can serve to educate, inform and challenge our readership. Submissions should meet high professional standards, commensurate with the importance of human rights and the need to ensure these rights for all.
- **Subject Matter:** Human rights - domestic and international. If you are not sure that your research meets the needs of *The Clarion*, please check the journal's [List of Suggestions](#) for paper topics
- **Global:** Submissions from all countries are welcomed!
- **Language:** All submissions must be made in English (US or UK). Contributing Authors may also submit a second copy of the paper in their native language with a request that both papers be published. A decision on such a requests will be made by the Journal Editors on a case-by-case basis.

Contributing Author Guidelines: The type of submission (e.g., legal article, commentary, book review, photojournal essay, etc.) will determine the standard of review employed by the Journal Editors. But the [Contributing Author Guidelines](#) provide an overview of the ABA SIL publication policies. There may be deviations from or exceptions to these rules based on the type of submission. Nevertheless, all contributing authors should carefully read the guidelines to ensure that applicable journal policies are respected. Contact the Journal Editors if you have questions regarding the guidelines.

Publication Agreement: All contributing authors must complete and submit the [ABA IHRC Journal Publication Agreement](#). The Publication Agreement must be submitted with your paper by the deadline on **April 15, 2016**.

Length: 500-1500 words. The length of individual submissions may vary but should **not exceed 1500 words** (approximately 3 pages), including footnotes.

Abstract: A brief abstract of your paper topic is due on **March 31, 2016**. The abstract should include your name, contact information, topic or title of submission, and a paragraph (4-6 sentences) that outlines the purpose and/or areas that will be covered by your submission.

Attribution: The title of the paper and author's name will appear on each. At the end of the list of authors there will be a footnote briefly indicating author affiliation and, should individual committees so wish, indication of which section(s) within the article each author was responsible for contributing.

Citation format: Please refer to the [*THE BLUEBOOK: A Uniform System of Citation* \(Online Version\)](#) for instructions on how to cite primary and secondary resources.

Bios: All contributing authors must submit a 50-word bio with their paper. The deadline to submit your bio is **March 31, 2016**.

Submission Instructions: (1) Carefully proofread your paper, including all footnotes and citations. We further recommend that you allow at least one disinterested or otherwise objective person to proofread your paper. (2) Submit your paper via email to the Journal Editors **Luke Wilson** and **John Mukum Mbaku** at IHRCpubs@gmail.com. Be sure to include your bio and the journal publication agreement.

Given the tight schedule under which The Clarion is published, papers that require significant edits or fail to adhere to the basic standards set forth here may result in the submission being rejected by the Journal Editors. Authors writing legal articles and commentaries are well advised to consult the proper citation guide(s) as well as read the format guidelines outlined below prior to starting the paper.

III. SPECIAL NOTE ON CITATION TO NON-U.S. SOURCES

When citing to non-U.S. statutes, citation must be given either to the official code or to the official journal or gazette in which the legislation may be found, including date, page and volume number. Similarly, when citing to non-U.S. case law, citation must be given for the official case reporter, if available, or other non-official source.

Example of Correct Citation for Legislative Developments – Provide a Citation to Each Section and Subsection which Supports the Assertions Made about the Legislation:

China's new, revised Company Law (Revised Company Law) became effective on January 1, 2006, and fundamentally changed several areas of business regulation in China.¹ The Revised

¹ [Company Law], (Presidential Order No. 42, issued Oct. 27, 2005, effective Jan. 1, 2006,) (P.R.C.), translated and reprinted in CHINA LAW & PRAC. 2330/05.10.27

Company Law enables PRC residents, for the first time, to form a single-member limited liability company, and lowered to two the number of promoters needed to form a company limited by shares. Further, the revised law lowers to RMB¥30,000 the minimum registered capital requirement to form a limited liability company, and lowers to RMB¥500,000 the minimum registered capital requirement to form a company limited by shares.²

Example of Correct Citation for Judicial Developments – Provide a Page Reference for All Holdings and Quotations:

Particularly controversial was the ICTY’S judgment against Momčilo Krajišnik, a former member of the Bosnian Serb leadership convicted on September 27, 2006, of persecutions, extermination, murder, deportation, and forced transfer of non-Serb civilians.³ The controversy surrounds Krajišnik’s acquittal on charges of genocide and complicity in genocide. The judgment noted the crimes alleged met “the requirements of the actus reus for genocide”⁴ but held that the evidence did not show that the crime of genocide formed part of a common objective of the joint criminal enterprise,⁵ nor that “any of these acts were committed with the intent to destroy, in part, the Bosnian-Muslim or Bosnian-Croat ethnic group, as such.”⁶

Example of Correct Citation for Commercial, Policy & Political Developments – Provide a Citation to Public Resources:

On December 13, 2005, Trinidad and Tobago became the first member state of the Caribbean Community and Common Market, CARICOM,⁷ to ratify the Caribbean Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Serious Criminal Matters (the Treaty), a Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME)⁸ instrument signed on July 6, 2005.⁹ To date, the Treaty has attracted nine signatories.

¹⁰ The Treaty’s entry into force is contingent on ratification by five states.¹¹ The purpose of the

² *Id.* § 24 (for limited liability companies); § 79 (for companies limited by shares).

³ Prosecutor v. Krajišnik, Case: IT-00-39-T, Judgement, (Sept. 27, 2006), available at <http://www.un.org/icty/krajsnik/trialc/judgement/kra-jud060927e.pdf>.

⁴ *Id.* 867.

⁵ *Id.* 1091.

⁶ *Id.* 867.

⁷ The regional grouping of the Caribbean Community and Common Market, established under the Treaty of Chaguaramas, dated July 4, 1973, came into being on August 1, 1973, and is comprised of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. See Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community, *opened for signature* July 4, 1973, 946 U.N.T.S. 17, 12 I.L.M. 1033 (entered into force Aug. 1, 1973), *available at* <http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/caricom/caricind.asp> [hereinafter Treaty of Chaguaramas].

⁸ See Lillian Crawford-Abbensetts et al., International Legal Development in Review: 2004, *Regional and Comparative Law*, 39 INT’L LAW. 591, 592-94 (2005); Lillian Crawford-Abbensetts, et al., *International Legal Development in Review: 2005, Regional and Comparative Law*, 40 INT’L LAW. 541, 542-54 (2006).

⁹ See Caribbean Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Serious Criminal Matters, July 6, 2005, *available at* <http://www.caricomlaw.org/docs/MLAT.pdf> [hereinafter Caribbean Mutual Assistance Treaty].

¹⁰ Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. See Status of Acceptance and Incorporation of CSME Related Legal Instruments (Jan. 2006), Caribbean Community Secretariat, Georgetown, Guyana, *available at* <http://www.caricomlaw.org>.

¹¹ Caribbean Mutual Assistance Treaty, *supra* note 10, art. 28.

Treaty is to increase cooperation in mutual legal assistance among Caribbean countries in respect of serious criminal matters and to combat criminal activity.¹²

Second Example of Correct Citation for Commercial, Policy & Political Developments – Provide a Citation to Public Resources:

The Australian Mergers and Acquisitions market has been very strong in 2006, to a large extent fuelled by a boom in private equity activity.¹³ The retail and energy sectors have been the largest source of M&A work to date. The unsuccessful U.S. \$13.7 billion proposal to acquire Coles Myer by a private equity consortium led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co was perhaps the highest profile of this year,¹⁴ though the U.S. \$6.08 billion merger of Suncorp Group, Australia's sixth largest bank, with insurance group Promina was just one example of the very robust market.¹⁵

Please keep a copy of the attribution pages of your non-U.S. sources so that if necessary, they may be provided to the SMU Editorial Staff so that citations may be formulated and/or corrected as needed.

IV. STYLE CONVENTIONS

Word processing format

- Microsoft Word Office 2003 or 2007

Margins

- Top, Bottom, Left, Right: 1". Gutter: 0"
- Header, Footer: 0.5"

Text

- Font: Times New Roman in the main text and footnotes with full justification.
- 12 point font double spaced in main text with no superscripts except for the footnote reference. 11 point font single spaced in the footnotes with no superscripts.
- Use two spaces in between sentences, after colons, and after "Part I," "A," etc.
- Indent all paragraphs: 0.5".
- Paginate: Bottom center, 11 point type.
- Block all quotations that are 50 or more words, single space, indent left and right 0.5".
- Bullets: single space within bullets, double space between bullets, indent left and right 0.5". For all case names (in text, but not footnotes): use italics—do not underline.
- Place commas and periods within quotation marks. Use curly quotation marks.

Headers

Title: Titles must be in all caps and in bold font (2 spaces after).

¹² *Id.* art. 2.

¹³ See Michael Smith, *Australia M&A Wave Builds as Buyout Firms Circle*, REUTERS, Jan. 23, 2007, <http://www.reuters.com/article/reutersEdge/idUSSYD27057920070123>.

¹⁴ Raphael Minder and Sundeep Tucker, *Coles Myer Rejects KKR-led Approach*, FT.COM, Sept. 6, 2006, <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/4e2c779e-3d78-11db-bd60-0000779e2340.html>.

¹⁵ *Australia's competition regulator clears 20 bln aud Suncorp/Promina merger*, FINANZNACHRICHTEN.DE, Dec. 20, 2007, <http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2006-12/artikel-7484982.asp>

Footnotes

- First footnote (author's ID) use an asterisk.
- 11-point, fully justified. (Footnote number: 11 -point, not superscript). Spacing: 0.5 tab after footnote number. Single space each footnote.
- Italicize: partial case names (i.e., subsequent reference), "infra," "supra," and "id." Also italicize "see" or "see also" unless used in a middle of a sentence.
- Do not italicize full case names (i.e., first reference) in footnotes.
- Use "See" before citations unless you are citing to a direct quotation.