

Author Guidelines

Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies accepts articles within all legal fields, including interdisciplinary contributions.

1. Submission of articles

Articles to *Retskraft* must be submitted in electronic form to the editorial board's e-mail: retskraft@retskraft.dk. The attached file must be an editable Word file.

Retskraft does not accept articles that have been published or reviewed elsewhere. The editorial board of *Retskraft* reserves the right to publish submitted articles in electronic form and on paper.

2. Review Process

An editorial board consisting of students at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, assesses the submitted articles. Articles of a high quality are peer-reviewed by two anonymous reviewers. The competence to determine whether submitted articles will be published lies with the editorial board and is based on the recommendation and comments of the peer-reviewers and the author's response to these.

To ensure a high quality, the Scientific Advisory Panel will continuously evaluate the Journal and the editorial work. The Panel consists of several recognized researchers at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.

The editorial board strives to process all submitted articles as soon as possible. Normally a response can be expected **within 4 weeks**.

The editorial board makes an overall assessment of the article based on the following criteria:

1. The article is of a high scientific quality.
2. The analysis deals with a new legal or socio-legal development, or the article sheds new light on a known issue based on an original perspective.
3. The article is an independent and reflected application of relevant jurisprudential theories, methods and material.
4. The findings and scientific analyses of the article are documented, and the reasoning is convincing.
5. The article is well structured.

The evaluation can result in

1. the acceptance of the article as it is,
2. a revise and resubmit decision where the author implements specific changes based on the peer reviews and editorial comments before an eventual acceptance can occur, or

3. the rejection of the article.

When the article has been accepted, the author will receive a review for revision and approval. The revision and potential comments will be returned as soon as possible in consideration of eventual deadlines.

3. General formal guidelines

The following general formal guidelines must be met:

1. The title should be as short and precise as possible. Subtitle can freely be used.
2. Author's name in a line under the title and information is specified in an asterisk (*) footnote (title and/or position, workplace and email).
3. The article is submitted with a short abstract (maximum 250 words).
4. Titles and subtitles can appear in three levels, indicated as 1, 1.1 and 1.1.1.
5. The article must use regular abbreviations when referring to laws, administrative regulations, judgements etc.
6. Citation of references must be made in the footnotes of the article. Generally, Retskraft accepts all citation formats (e.g. OSCOLA, MLA, Harvard). Most important is consequence in format throughout the article, and adequacy of the chosen reference.
7. The number of footnotes must be proportional to the length of the article. Endnotes cannot be used. Footnotes cannot be used in the title, subtitle, author information or the abstract.
8. The font is Adobe Garamond Pro. However, submitted articles in Garamond, which are part of the word package, are accepted. The font size is 11 for the main text and 10 for the abstract. The paragraph spacing should be 1,15.

4. Guidelines for the specific contribution types

Retskraft accepts two types of contributions: *Articles* (4.1) and *Comments* (4.2).

4.1 Articles

Retskraft accepts articles within all legal fields.

Articles should not be longer than 15 normal pages (approximately 6.700 words, 42.000 characters excluding spaces).

4.2 Comments

Commentaries in Retskraft are comments to earlier contributions in Retskraft. Comments should not be longer than 5 normal pages (approximately 2.200 words, 14.000 characters excluding spaces). Longer comments can possibly be assumed as an "Article".

5. Language

Retskraft accepts articles in Danish, Norwegian, Swedish and English.