***CALL FOR PAPERS: THE M. S. RAMAIAH JOURNAL OF LAW (MSRJL)***

***“ Laws and Policies regulating the energy sector in India”***

***About the Journal***

The M. S. Ramaiah Journal of Law (MSRJL) is the official journal of M. S. Ramaiah College of Law (affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi). It is a high quality anonymous peer-reviewed journal. MSRJL provides a platform for researchers of law, academicians, judicial officers, law practitioners and students to impart and share legal knowledge in the form of high quality empirical and theoretical research papers, articles and case comments/critiques. The primary aim of the journal is to initiate a healthy exchange of ideas leading to the dissemination of the knowledge of law in the society. The journal and its publication is a collective effort of the faculty, students and staff of M. S. Ramaiah College of Law. The journal is currently inviting submissions for Vol. II, Issue II to be published in August, 2016.

***Theme for Vol. II Issue II***

The theme for the next issue will be “***Laws and Policies regulating the energy sector in India”***. The basic objective behind this broad theme is to encourage scholarly work on energy laws and their implementation in India. The energy and power sector is one that has received a lot of attention from governments all over the world and in recent times has also played a major role in the progress of the Indian economy. Successive governments in the country have thought about harnessing new and renewable sources of energy which in turn would be useful for both small-scale and large-scale industries. While tapping of energy sources for overall economic development has been uppermost in the minds of the central and state governments, debates and discussions have been made as to how to balance such activities with sustainable development and protection and conservation of the environment. The energy versus environment debate has been an intriguing one drawing attention from scholars almost regularly.

In the context of this debate and the importance of various sources of energy for a developing country like India, contributors may focus on the following ***Sub-Themes***:

1. Environment protection versus power generation in India
2. Impact of the energy sector on economic development in India
3. Legal regime regulating the energy sector in India
4. PSUs in the energy sector and corresponding policies of regulation
5. Energy in the five year plans
6. Implementation of India’s foreign policy in the energy sector
7. Laws regulating offences in the energy sector
8. Legal regime governing foreign investment in the energy sector
9. Decentralization in power generation

***Submission Guidelines***

1. Contributors shall submit an abstract of not more than 300 words focusing on any of the sub-themes specified above or any additional sub-theme related to the main theme of the journal.
2. All authors are requested to send a separate attachment in MS Word along with the abstract. The attachment should contain the following details: *Name, Title of the paper, Sub-theme, Address, Affiliating Institution, Email, Contact Numbers,*
3. Abstracts will be reviewed and authors of selected abstracts will be notified about selection. Contribution can be made on a co-authorship basis by a maximum of two authors.
4. Only contributors whose abstracts are selected will be invited to submit the final paper.
5. Contributions for the next issue may be made under any one of the following categories:
6. Long Articles/Research Papers: 10,000-12,000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
7. Short Articles: 6000-8000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
8. Case Comments/Critique of recent judgments: 2000-4000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
9. All contributions should follow the ***Style Guidelines*** mentioned below:
10. **Main text:** 12 point, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing, 1 inch margin space on both sides and justified.
11. **Footnotes:** 10 point, Times New Roman, single line spacing and justified.
12. **Citation:** The Harvard Bluebook (19th Edition).
13. **Charts/Tables:** These should be made a part of the main text itself.
14. All queries, clarifications as well as contributions for the next issue should be sent to the editorial board and the managing editor at: [msrlawjournal@gmail.com](mailto:msrlawjournal@gmail.com).

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1. Abstracts will be invited and accepted from interested contributors within a specified deadline.
2. Abstracts will be reviewed by the faculty and student editorial board.
3. Authors of selected abstracts will be informed about selection within 15 days of the deadline for abstract submission.
4. Contributors whose abstracts are selected will be invited to submit the final papers within the specified deadlines.
5. The final papers will be reviewed by our editorial board and the best ones will get selected for the journal.
6. The editorial board reserves the right to reject any final paper even after the submission and selection of a corresponding abstract.
7. Authors will be informed about the selection and inclusion of their final papers in the journal.
8. Please note that the journal emphasizes on quality and therefore may not accept final papers in high quantity.

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| **Deadline for submission of abstracts** | 31st March 2016 |
| **Communication of selection of abstracts** | 15th April 2016 |
| **Submission of final paper** | 15th June 2016 |
| **Communication of Selection of final paper for publication after second round of review** | 10th July 2016 |