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1. PREAMBLE

This policy establishes the governance framework of the Arbitration & Corporate Law Review by setting out the rules, procedures and standards applicable to its administration, editorial processes and publication activities. It is intended to promote fairness, transparency and consistency in the functioning of the Review, while facilitating the publication of high quality legal scholarship (the "**Policy**").

- 1.1 The Arbitration & Corporate Law Review ("**ACLR**" or the "**Review**") is an independent legal publication dedicated to advancing scholarship and informed discourse in arbitration, corporate law, commercial law, financial regulation and allied areas of legal practice. The Review publishes original legal scholarship through its Blog (available [here](#)) and its Journal (available [here](#) or, as may be updated from time to time).
- 1.2 The Review comprises the Editor in Chief ("**EIC**"), the Board of Editors ("**BOE**"), the Board of Advisors ("**BOA**") and the Peer Review Panel ("**PRP**"), each of which shall perform the functions assigned to it under this Policy.
- 1.3 The online publication of the Review shall be known as the ACLR Blog ("**Blog**").
- 1.4 The peer reviewed academic publication of the Review shall be known as the ACLR Journal ("**Journal**").
- 1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires, the Board of Editors and the Peer Review Panel shall collectively be referred to as the ACLR Team.
- 1.6 All members of the ACLR Team shall discharge their responsibilities in good faith, with professionalism, integrity, impartiality and mutual respect, and shall work collaboratively in furtherance of the objectives of the Review.
- 1.7 Every member representing the Review shall uphold its reputation and conduct themselves with the highest standards of professionalism, courtesy and ethical conduct at all times.
- 1.8 This Policy shall come into force on 15 June 2026 and shall supersede the ACLR Policy, 2020 and all previous policies, guidelines and practices governing the Review to the extent they are inconsistent with this Policy.

2. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2.1 The Review shall be led by the EIC, who shall have ultimate responsibility and authority over the editorial, administrative, financial and strategic affairs of the Review.
- 2.2 With effect from 15 June 2026, all ownership, governance and stewardship of the Review shall vest exclusively in the EIC. Accordingly, the founding team shall cease to hold any editorial, administrative or managerial authority in relation to the Review.
- 2.3 The EIC may appoint up to two Deputy Editors in Chief ("**Deputy EIC**" or "**DEIC**"), who shall assist the EIC in the discharge of the functions of that office and may exercise such powers as are delegated to them by the EIC.
- 2.4 The EIC shall have the exclusive authority to:
 - (a) represent the Review in all dealings with third parties;
 - (b) appoint, promote, suspend and relieve members of the ACLR Team;
 - (c) determine the organisational structure of the Review; and
 - (d) issue such directions, guidelines and operational procedures as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the Review.
- 2.5 Where any matter requires a decision of the ACLR Team and consensus cannot be reached, the decision of the EIC shall be final and binding.

- 2.6 The EIC may delegate any power, function or responsibility under this Policy to a DIEC, a Managing Editor or any other member of the ACLR Team. Any such delegation shall not affect the ultimate responsibility or accountability of the EIC for the affairs of the Review.

3. OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 3.1 With effect from 15 June 2026, all intellectual property, assets, goodwill and proprietary interests associated with the Review shall vest in the Review. This includes, without limitation, the names "Arbitration & Corporate Law Review" and "ACLR", the logo, trademarks, branding, the domain name (arbitrationcorporatelawreview.com), the website and its contents, and all associated social media accounts, digital platforms and online assets. For the avoidance of doubt, the Review shall be solely owned and controlled by the EIC in accordance with this Policy.
- 3.2 All liabilities and obligations of the Review arising on or after 15 June 2026 shall be borne by, and be the sole responsibility of, the EIC.
- 3.3 ACLR reserves all rights in the content published under its name, subject to the cross publication provisions set out in Section 16.
- 3.4 Membership of the ACLR Team shall not confer upon any member any ownership or proprietary interest in the Review or its assets. Any intellectual property created by a member in the course of performing their functions for the Review shall vest in the Review, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the EIC.
- 3.5 The name, logo, trademarks and other branding of the Review shall not be used in any manner that suggests affiliation with, endorsement by, or representation of the Review, or for any commercial or promotional purpose, without the prior written approval of the EIC. Nothing in this clause shall restrict fair and bona fide referential use of the Review's name, including for academic citation, publication credentials, curriculum vitae, professional profiles or similar legitimate purposes.

4. BOARD OF ADVISORS

- 4.1 The BOA shall comprise distinguished practitioners, industry leaders and academics possessing substantial expertise and relevant post qualification experience in the fields covered by the Review.
- 4.2 Communications with the BOA shall ordinarily be made by the EIC, the Deputy EICs or the Managing Editors.
- 4.3 The BOA shall comprise members invited by the EIC.
- 4.4 The BOA may assist the Review by:
- (a) providing strategic and academic guidance on matters relating to the Review;
 - (b) contributing expert opinions or co-authoring publications on contemporary legal issues, which may be published under the heading "Expert Opinion," unless otherwise determined by the EIC; and
 - (c) providing comments or recommendations regarding publications, editorial practices or appointments within the ACLR Team.
- 4.5 Members of the BOA may cross publish articles originally published by their firms, organisations or institutions on ACLR, provided that such articles fall within the scope of the Review. However:
- (a) Such cross publications shall not ordinarily be subject to editorial review.
 - (b) ACLR shall not claim ownership of the copyright subsisting in such publications and shall not be responsible for any liability arising from their contents.

- 4.6 The BOA shall act in an advisory capacity, and its views shall be given due consideration. However, where consensus cannot be reached, the decision of the EIC shall prevail.
- 4.7 A member of the BOA may resign at any time by written notice addressed to the official email address of the Review.

5. PEER REVIEW PANEL

- 5.1 The PRP shall comprise practising advocates, academics and postgraduate scholars possessing appropriate expertise in the subject matter of the Journal.
- 5.2 The Panel shall be constituted separately for each volume of the Journal, and the tenure of each member shall expire upon publication of that volume, unless otherwise determined by the EIC.
- 5.3 The Panel shall comprise members invited by the EIC, the Deputy EICs or the Managing Editors through the official email address of the Review.
- 5.4 The Panel shall review finalised manuscripts only, ordinarily not exceeding two manuscripts per member, and shall provide comments and recommendations with a view to improving the academic quality of the manuscripts.
- 5.5 A member of the Panel may resign at any time by written notice addressed to the official email address of the Review. Unless relieved earlier, the appointment of each member shall automatically terminate upon publication of the relevant Volume of the Journal.

6. BOARD OF EDITORS

- 6.1 The BOE shall comprise the EIC, the Deputy EICs, the Managing Editors ("**MEs**") and the Associate Editors ("**AEs**").
- 6.2 The BOE shall comprise the following positions, in descending order of seniority:
- (a) **EIC:** One (1) position, which shall remain occupied at all times.
 - (b) **Deputy EICs:** Up to two (2) positions, as may be determined by the EIC.
 - (c) **MEs:** Up to five (5) positions, as may be determined by the EIC and Deputy EIC.
 - (d) **AEs:** Up to four (4) positions, as may be determined by the EIC and Deputy EIC.
- 6.3 Promotions within the BOE shall be made by the EIC in consultation with the Deputy EICs, having regard to the member's performance, commitment and contribution to the Review.
- 6.4 The EIC may designate one or more members of the ACLR Team, or engage external consultants, to oversee the publishing, newsletter, communications, website or social media functions of the Review.
- 6.5 A member of the BOE may resign by written communication addressed to the official email address of the Review.

7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF EDITORS

- 7.1 **EIC:** The EIC shall have overall responsibility for the leadership, administration and editorial direction of the Review. The EIC shall, inter alia:
- (a) represent the Review in its dealings with third parties;
 - (b) determine the editorial vision, standards and strategic direction of the Review;
 - (c) take the final decision on the publication of submissions;
 - (d) oversee appointments, promotions and other matters relating to the ACLR Team; and
 - (e) resolve disputes arising within the ACLR Team.

- 7.2 **Deputy EICs:** The Deputy EICs shall assist the EIC in the discharge of the EIC's functions and shall, inter alia:
- (a) oversee the editorial process for the Blog and the Journal;
 - (b) supervise and coordinate the MEs;
 - (c) conduct the final stage of the editorial review process; and
 - (d) discharge such other responsibilities as may be delegated by the EIC, including acting on the EIC's behalf during the EIC's absence.
- 7.3 **MEs:** The MEs shall, inter alia:
- (a) assess the suitability of submissions for publication;
 - (b) coordinate and allocate work amongst the AEs;
 - (c) conduct the senior stage of the editorial review process; and
 - (d) make recommendations regarding publication, subject to the final decision of the EIC and the Deputy EICs.
- 7.4 **AEs:** The AEs shall conduct the first stage of the editorial review process, including:
- (a) assessing the relevance of the topic;
 - (b) evaluating the quality of research and originality of thought;
 - (c) reviewing plagiarism, grammar, language and citation compliance; and
 - (d) ensuring that submissions satisfy the Review's editorial standards.
- 7.5 **Publishing & Communications:** A member of the ACLR Team designated by the EIC, or an external consultant engaged for that purpose, shall be responsible for:
- (a) formatting and publishing accepted submissions;
 - (b) preparing newsletters and editorial summaries;
 - (c) managing the Review's website and official social media platforms; and
 - (d) undertaking such other publishing and communications functions as may be assigned by the EIC.

8. CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS – BOARD OF EDITORS

- 8.1 The selection of members to the BOE shall be undertaken by the EIC, assisted by the Deputy EICs and the MEs. The selection process shall be objective, transparent and merit based.
- 8.2 Candidates shall be assessed primarily on the basis of their writing ability, editorial aptitude, research skills and overall suitability for the role. Where two or more candidates are considered equally suitable, preference may be given to a candidate possessing prior writing or editorial experience with a journal or blog specialising in arbitration law, corporate law or allied areas.
- 8.3 In assessing a candidate's suitability, regard may be had to the following:
- (a) demonstrated research and analytical skills;
 - (b) a strong command of the English language;
 - (c) sound knowledge of arbitration law, corporate law and related legal developments; and
 - (d) prior academic or editorial experience, including publication in a peer reviewed journal, presentation at a conference, or publication of legal blogs.

- 8.4 The criteria set out in Section 8.3 are indicative only and shall not be construed as mandatory eligibility requirements, unless expressly stated otherwise by the EIC.

9. MANUSCRIPT SELECTION PROCESS - BLOG

The following procedure shall apply to manuscripts submitted for publication on the Blog. The editorial review process shall ordinarily be completed within ten (10) days from the date of submission, excluding any period during which the manuscript is under revision by the author.

- 9.1 Manuscripts shall be submitted through the official Google Form (available [here](#)), access to which shall be restricted to the EIC, the Deputy EICs and the MEs.
- 9.2 Upon receipt of a submission, an ME shall anonymise the manuscript and assign it to an AE for the first-stage review.
- 9.3 The AE shall complete the first-stage review within two (2) days and submit a review report to the ME, copying the Deputy EICs and the EIC. The AE shall not make any amendments directly to the manuscript.
- 9.4 The ME shall conduct the senior-stage review and, where satisfied that the manuscript meets the editorial standards of the Review, forward it for final approval within four (4) to five (5) days.
- 9.5 Where revisions are required, the manuscript may be returned to the author. The period during which the manuscript remains with the author shall not count towards the ten (10) day review period. A revised manuscript shall be subject to further review.
- 9.6 Upon final approval, the designated Publishing & Communications member shall format and publish the manuscript within one (1) day.

10. MANUSCRIPT REJECTION PROCESS - BLOG

- 10.1 Where an AE considers that a manuscript does not meet the editorial standards of the Review, the AE shall recommend its rejection or revision to the ME through the review report.
- 10.2 Upon considering the recommendation of the AE, the ME shall determine whether the manuscript should be:
- (a) accepted for publication;
 - (b) returned to the author for revision; or
 - (c) rejected.
- 10.3 A manuscript may be rejected or returned for revision where it contains plagiarism or a similarity index exceeding fifteen per cent (15%), as determined by the ME.
- 10.4 A manuscript may also be rejected or returned for revision where it substantially replicates content previously published by the Review without offering any meaningful or original contribution.

11. CONTENT / SUBMISSION GUIDELINES - BLOG

- 11.1 Submissions shall be accepted on the latest and/or relevant issues in arbitration, corporate, commercial, financial regulation, fintech, digital assets, banking and finance, insolvency, securities, competition, taxation, intellectual property, trade, employment and other allied areas of law.
- 11.2 Submissions may take the form of articles, short notes, opinions, case comments, book reviews or responses to an existing post on the Blog.
- 11.3 The submission must be original and unpublished, and must not be under consideration for publication on any other platform. A maximum similarity index of fifteen per cent (15%) is permitted. Non-compliance may result in summary rejection without an opportunity for revision.

- 11.4 Submissions must be limited to 1,500 words. This limit is exclusive of explanatory endnotes.
- 11.5 Co-authorship of up to three (3) authors is permitted.
- 11.6 Authors may use artificial intelligence ("AI") tools to assist with research and to refine language and expression. However:
- (a) AI must not replace the author's own legal reasoning, analysis, argumentation or conclusions;
 - (b) AI must not be relied upon for legal research, case law or citations, and all authorities must be independently verified by the author;
 - (c) any substantive use of AI, beyond basic grammar and spelling checks, must be disclosed both in the submission form and by way of an endnote; and
 - (d) undisclosed or improper use of AI may result in rejection of the submission or its removal after publication.
- 11.7 Submissions shall be made only in Microsoft Word (.docx) format, adhering to the following style:
- (a) Body: Arial, size 10, line spacing 1.5, justified; and
 - (b) Endnotes: Arial, size 8, line spacing 1.5, justified.
- 11.8 Relevant sources, including judgments, legislation, treaties, news articles and other legal materials, should be hyperlinked within the text. Citations to judgments shall, wherever available, link to the official website of the relevant court. Where sources are not publicly accessible, endnotes shall be provided in accordance with the Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition).
- 11.9 The submission shall carry a clear and informative title of not more than twenty (20) words, written in narrative form.
- 11.10 Submissions shall be made only through the official Google Form (available [here](#)); submissions sent by email shall not be entertained. All documents must be anonymised to preserve blind review.
- 11.11 In the ordinary course, authors may expect an editorial response within ten (10) working days.
- 11.12 Once the editorial review process has commenced, authors shall not withdraw their submissions without reasonable cause. Where an author withdraws submissions after the commencement of the review process or otherwise causes a material waste of the Review's editorial resources, the Review may suspend or prohibit the author from making future submissions for such period as the EIC may determine.

12. MANUSCRIPT SELECTION PROCESS – JOURNAL

For selecting articles to be published in the Journal, the following process shall be adhered to.

- 12.1 Manuscripts shall be submitted through the official Google Form (as available on the website), access to which shall be restricted to the EIC, the Deputy EICs and the MEs.
- 12.2 Upon the expiry of the submission deadline, an ME designated as the coordinator shall anonymise all manuscripts and allocate them to the respective MEs and AEs in phases, having regard to the number of submissions. Each phase shall comprise not more than four (4) manuscripts.
- 12.3 The AE shall complete the first-stage review within fifteen (15) days and submit a review report to the ME, copying the Deputy EICs and the EIC. The AE shall not make any amendments directly to the manuscript.

- 12.4 The ME shall conduct the senior-stage review and, where satisfied that the manuscript meets the editorial standards of the Review, forward it to a Deputy EIC within fifteen (15) days.
- 12.5 The Deputy EIC shall conduct the final editorial review and determine whether the manuscript should proceed for publication, subject to the final approval of the EIC.
- 12.6 Upon approval by the EIC, the coordinator shall forward the manuscript to a member of the PRP for peer review.
- 12.7 Following receipt of the PRP's comments, the coordinator shall communicate the comments to the author or the relevant ME, as appropriate. Where revisions are required, the revised manuscript shall be subject to further review.
- 12.8 Upon completion of the editorial and peer review process, the designated Publishing & Communications member shall format the manuscript and retain the final version in the official records of the Review for publication.

13. MANUSCRIPT REJECTION PROCESS – JOURNAL

- 13.1 Where an AE considers that a manuscript does not meet the editorial standards of the Review, the AE shall recommend its rejection or revision to the ME through the review report.
- 13.2 Upon considering the recommendation of the AE, the ME, in consultation with the Deputy EIC, shall determine whether the manuscript should be:
 - (a) accepted for further review;
 - (b) returned to the author for revision; or
 - (c) rejected.
- 13.3 A manuscript may be rejected or returned for revision where it contains plagiarism or a similarity index exceeding fifteen per cent (15%), as determined by the ME in consultation with the Deputy EIC.
- 13.4 A manuscript may also be rejected or returned for revision where it substantially replicates content previously published by the Review without offering any meaningful or original contribution.

14. CONTENT / SUBMISSION GUIDELINES – JOURNAL

- 14.1 Submissions shall be accepted on the latest and/or relevant issues across arbitration, corporate, commercial, financial regulation and other allied areas of law.
- 14.2 Submissions may take the form of articles, short articles, case comments, legislative comments, book reviews, opinions or responses to previously published content.
- 14.3 The submission must be original, unpublished and must not be under consideration for publication on any other platform. A maximum similarity index of fifteen per cent (15%) is permitted. Non-compliance may result in summary rejection without an opportunity for revision.
- 14.4 Where an author repeatedly withdraws submissions after the commencement of the editorial review process without reasonable cause, or otherwise abuses the Review's editorial process, the Review may suspend or prohibit the author from making future submissions for such period as the EIC may determine.
- 14.5 Submissions should ordinarily adhere to the following word limits, exclusive of footnotes. The prescribed limits may be relaxed by the EIC or the Deputy EICs where considered appropriate:
 - (a) Short Articles: 3,000 to 5,000 words.
 - (b) Long Articles: 5,000 to 8,000 words.
 - (c) Book Reviews: 2,000 to 3,000 words.
 - (d) Case Comments: 3,000 to 5,000 words.
 - (e) Legislative Comments: 2,000 to 4,000 words.

- 14.6 Authors may use Artificial Intelligence ("AI") tools to assist with research and to refine language and expression. However:
- (a) AI must not replace the author's own legal reasoning, analysis, argumentation or conclusions;
 - (b) AI must not be relied upon for legal research, case law or citations, and all authorities must be independently verified by the author;
 - (c) any substantive use of AI, beyond basic grammar and spelling checks, must be disclosed both in the submission form and by way of a footnote; and
 - (d) undisclosed or improper use of AI may result in rejection of the submission or its removal after publication.
- 14.7 Submissions shall be made only in Microsoft Word (.docx) format and shall adhere to the following formatting requirements:
- (a) Heading: Arial, uppercase, font size 12, line spacing 1.5.
 - (b) Sub-heading: Arial, small caps, font size 10, line spacing 1.5.
 - (c) Body: Arial, font size 10, line spacing 1.5.
 - (d) Footnotes: Arial, font size 8, line spacing 1.
- 14.8 Relevant sources, including judgments, legislation, treaties, news articles and other legal materials, shall be cited by way of footnotes in accordance with the *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (20th Edition). Citations to judgments shall, wherever available, refer to the official website of the relevant court.
- 14.9 The submission shall carry a clear and informative title. Where an author wishes the Review to assign a title, the same shall be indicated at the time of submission.

15. CROSS-PUBLICATIONS

- 15.1 The Review may accept for publication articles that have been previously published elsewhere ("**Cross-Publications**"), provided that such publication is authorised by the original publisher and appropriate credit is given to the original source.
- 15.2 Cross-Publications may be accepted from members of the BOA, members of the ACLR Team, law firms, companies or other organisations operating within the legal industry. Cross-Publications shall not be subject to the Review's editorial review process.
- 15.3 The copyright in a Cross-Publication shall remain with the original copyright owner. The Review shall not acquire any ownership rights in such content and shall not be responsible for any liability arising from its publication.
- 15.4 Authors shall disclose, at the time of submission, whether the manuscript has previously been published or otherwise disseminated, and shall provide evidence of the original publisher's permission for cross-publication where such permission is required.
- 15.5 Where an author wishes to republish or cross-publish a manuscript originally published by the Review, the prior written consent of the EIC shall be obtained. Any subsequent publication shall acknowledge the Review as the original publisher in an appropriate manner.

16. FINANCE

- 16.1 The Review does not charge any fee, whether by way of submission fees, processing fees, publication fees or otherwise, from authors, reviewers, members of the ACLR Team or any other person in connection with the submission, review or publication of manuscripts.
- 16.2 The financial affairs of the Review shall be administered by the EIC.

- 16.3 Any expenditure incurred on behalf of the Review, or any requirement for financial assistance, shall be approved by the EIC, who may consult the Deputy EICs and the MEs where considered appropriate.

17. LEGAL DISCLAIMER

- 17.1 The content published on the Blog and the Journal is intended for informational purposes only. The views and opinions expressed are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Review, the ACLR Team, the EIC, the BOE or the BOA. Nothing published by the Review shall be construed as legal advice or a legal opinion.
- 17.2 The Review reserves all rights in respect of the content published under its name, subject to any rights expressly granted under this Policy or otherwise agreed in writing.

18. AMENDMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.1 Where a member of the ACLR Team fails to comply with this Policy or otherwise acts in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Review, the EIC may, after conducting such enquiry as the EIC considers appropriate, impose such disciplinary action as may be deemed necessary.
- 18.2 This Policy may be amended by the EIC, who may consult the Deputy EICs and the MEs. Any amendment shall take effect from the date specified by the EIC, and the decision of the EIC shall be final.
- 18.3 This Policy shall come into effect on 15 June 2026 and shall supersede the ACLR Policy, 2020 and all previous versions thereof.
- 18.4 As on the Effective Date of this Policy, the Review is solely owned and controlled by Abhay Raj, in the capacity of the EIC. Any transfer of ownership or control of the Review shall be effected only by a written instrument executed by the EIC.

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