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The Journal of Comparative Law in Africa (JCLA) aims to promote indigenous African scholarship. It targets researchers, practitioners, and policy makers interested in theories and practice of law in Africa.

The JCLA primarily seeks to publish rigorous research in the field of comparative law in Africa and for this purpose, comparative law is broadly defined to cover public and private law involving more than one jurisdiction.

The JCLA will consider for publication, case studies, empirical findings, and review papers using comparative approaches, methodologies, and viewpoints. Manuscripts without a clear comparative focus will only be accepted if they are significant for broadening understanding of law in Africa.

Rigorous research is understood as work which *expands human knowledge on a subject by presenting original data or introducing new techniques or theories, or by blending, refuting, or contrasting existing ideas in a convincing manner.*

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Manuscripts must be written in standard academic format. One or more members of the JCLA editorial board, consisting of senior researchers conducts an initial review of manuscripts to determine suitability for peer review. The JCLA employs a double-blind peer review system. Since neither authors nor reviewers are identified in the review process, authors are encouraged not to use personal identifiers which cannot be removed from the manuscript such as details in document properties.

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All manuscripts submitted to the JCLA must adhere to the specifications and general guidelines below. Article length must be between 8000 – 12000 words, inclusive of footnotes, and must be submitted with an abstract of 100-250 words. Notes and Comments on recent developments such as new judgments and legislation must be between 3000 – 5000 words, inclusive of footnotes. Book reviews must not exceed 2000 words. Manuscripts that do not comply with these rules may be rejected by the editorial board and will then not proceed to peer review.

By submitting a manuscript to the JCLA, the author agrees that:

- The manuscript has not been submitted and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere while under review at the JCLA.

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- The manuscript is prepared according to the prescribed style of the JCLA. Manuscripts that do not conform to the JCLA style guide may not be considered.

STYLE GUIDE

The JCLA recommends the use of the *South African Law Journal* (SALJ) style guide, summarised in the following guidelines:

i. General Format

Article Structure	Generally, manuscripts should include an introduction, problem statement, literature review, research design/methodology, findings (results analysis), and recommendations/conclusion.
Title	This should be succinctly worded. The title should be capitalised and aligned to the right.
Abstract	The abstract sets out objectives, research design and methods, main results and findings, conclusion and contribution to the body of knowledge. The abstract should be in italics.
Keywords	Five to eight words covering the principal themes and geographic focus of the paper.

Item	Description
Title page	This must contain the full title of the paper, full names, affiliation, address and contact information of all authors. Corresponding author should be marked with an asterisk.*
Body	Appropriate headings and subheadings to be used to segment the manuscript for enhanced readability.
Length	The manuscript length, including abstract and footnotes, but excluding bibliography, must be no less than 8000 and no more than 12 000 words.,
Headings and subheadings: style	Times New Roman 12, justified, 1.5 spacing, lower sentence case. Headings and subheadings should be written in bold, and the subheading should be in italics. Sub-subheadings should not be bold and should be in italics.
Headings: numbering	Headings and subheadings must not to be numbered.
Footnotes	Times New Roman 10, justified. Endnotes must not be used for reference, clarification, or any other purpose.
Tables and figures: placement	Tables and figures to be applied in the text, as close as possible to the appropriate discussion.

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Tables and figures: numbering	Tables and figures to be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals (i,ii, iii,iv....v etc).
Tables and figures:	Place titles of tables and figures outside and above the actual table or figure.
Bibliography	All publications cited in the text are to be included in the list of references. Authors must ensure that the spelling of names and dates in the text match the corresponding entries in the list of references.
Referencing style	The JCLA uses the <i>South African Law Journal</i> referencing style, available below.
Citations	Use of recent publications is encouraged.
Quotations	Use double quotation marks (single if quoting within a quote)
Quotation marks	Indented and no quotation marks if there are 30 words or more
En dashes	Use for pages ranges, etc (typed by pressing the CTRL and minus sign key simultaneously) e.g. 2000 – 2001
Numbers	Use words for numbers one to ten; thereafter use numerals Use spaces not commas between hundreds, thousands and millions, e.g. 1 000 and 1 000 000, not 1,000 and 1,000,000. Use a decimal point for numbers, not comma eg 2.5 not 2,5
Captions	Table and figure captions should be placed above the table, and sources below the figure or table.

ii. *Language Guide*

Item	Description
Prescribed Language	Ensure UK English or SA English is selected in spell check.
Common Errors	Language and spelling
	Among (not amongst); while (not whilst)
	Data – must be treated as a collective noun with singular verb eg “The data shows ...”, not “the data show ...”
	Human resource management (not resources)
	UK (for the United Kingdom)
	USA (for the United States of America)

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Style Guide

Legislation

- Art / arts / s / ss / reg / regs in body text and footnotes
- Companies Act 71 of 2008
- Companies Act, ss 60 and 63(2).
- Act 124 of 1993.
- CAMA 1990, ss 255(a) and 256.
- SEC Code of Corporate Governance 2011, Code 1.3.
- FRCN Act 2011, s 23.

Numbers

One to ten, 11 onwards

2,931,537

N34,339,324.77

18th (not superscript)

1.2 billion

\$2.5 trillion

Dates

1 January 2020

Headings

No numbered headings

A Sentence case bold

B Sentence case bold italics

Cross-refs

- Ibid at 14.
- Ibid.
- David op cit note 6 at 15.
- Braucher, R. op cit note 33 at 802.
- UCC §1-102 (1991).
- Carbonara & Parisi op cit note 78 at 370.
- supra note 10
- Constitution of Zimbabwe supra note 128.

Latin/foreign language

italics

Abbreviations/Initials

e.g. / i.e.

US / UK

Misc

- UK English (-ise)
- Spaced en dash

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- Footnote numbers at the end of indented quotes, no quote marks
- **Double** quotes for direct quotes
- All articles must have an abstract in English and French
- All articles must have keywords: written in lower case and are separated by a semi-colon
- Each article must have a 'Reference list'
 - Books and chapters in books
 - Journal articles
 - Legislation / Statutes?
 - Cases
 - Interviews
 - Working papers and other documents

Internet (articles in Sentence case)

- Pearse Trust 'The core of good corporate governance' available at <https://www.pearsetrust.ie/blog/bid/108866/the-core-principles-of-good-corporate-governance> [Accessed on 18 September 2018].
- Parker, H. 'Letters to a new chairman director' (1990) 12 available at https://www.tomorrowcompany.com/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2019/07/TCo-Letters-to-a-Chair-2019-FINAL-web-accessible.pdf [Accessed 15 September 2018].
- Rode Business School 'An introduction to King III' (2016) available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2rDoyiAOzA> [Accessed on 27 September 2018].
- Himonga, C. & Moore, E. 'Customary marriage: Is the law working?' *GroundUp* (2007) available at <https://www.groundup.org.za/article/customary-marriage-law-working/> [Accessed on 1 February 2020].
- 'Ethiopia declares national state of emergency' *BBC News* (16 February 2018) available at <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-43091248> [Accessed 1 June 2020].

Books (titles in Title Case)

- Schlesinger, R.B. *Comparative Law – Cases, Text and Materials* 2 ed (1959) at 10–14
- Martor, B., Pilkington, N., Sellers, D.S. & Thouvenot, S. *Business Law in Africa: OHADA and the Harmonization Process* 2 ed (2007) at 2.
- David, R. *Traité Élémentaire de Droit Civil Comparé* (1950) 113–135.
- White, J.F. & Summers, R.S. (eds) *Handbook of the Law Under the Uniform Commercial Code* 8 2 ed (1980)
- Sir Davies, J. *Le Primer Report des Cases & Matters en Ley Resolues & Adijdges en les Courts del Roy en Ireland* (1615), Preface [no pagination]

Journals (titles in Sentence case)

- Mancuso, S. 'Trends on the harmonisation of contract law in Africa' (2007) 13(1) *Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law* 157–178 at 157.
- Nzalieu, J.E. 'Reflecting on OHADA law reform mission: Its impact on company law in Anglophone Cameroon' (2002) *Annale de la Faculté des Sciences Juridiques et Politiques* Tome 6, N° Special, available at <http://www.ohada.com/doctrine/ohadata/D-04-42.html> [Accessed on 25 September 2018].
- Dickerson, C.M. 'Harmonizing business law in Africa: OHADA calls the tune' (2005) 44(1) *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 17–74 at 21
- Mentschikoff, S. et al 'Origin and evolution: Drafters reflect upon the Uniform Commercial Code' (1982) 43 *Ohio State Law Journal* 535.

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- Hodge, J.G. et al 'Efficacy in emergency legal preparedness underlying the 2014 Ebola outbreak' (2015) 2 *Texas A& M Law Review* 353
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Articles/Chapters (articles Sentence case; book titles Title Case)

- M'baye, K. 'The African conception of law' in David, R. (ed) *International Encyclopaedia of Comparative Law: Vol II: The Legal Systems of the World and their Common Comparison and Unification* (1975) 138–156 at 141

Case law

- *Kirkpatrick v Preisler* 394 US 526 (1969).
- *Fosi v Road Accident Fund* 2008 (3) SA 560 (C).
- *XMC v SHA* supra note 10 at 2 (Kadhi's Court).

Thesis (titles in Sentence case)

- Gwarinda, T.A. *The Impact of the Common Law and Legislation on African Indigenous Laws of Marriage in Zimbabwe and South Africa* (unpublished LLD dissertation, University of Fort Hare, 2013) at 99–100. Available at <http://libdspace.ufh.ac.za/handle/20.500.11837/969> [Accessed on 12 July 2020]

Reports/others

- Third periodic report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW/C/LBN/3 (7 July 2006).
- Initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women CEDAW/C/SYR/1 (29 August 2005).

Spelling

Among (not amongst)

While (not whilst)

Data – singular noun

Human resource management (not resources)

UK

USA (not US)

This paper, instead of this article

Common-law system

Role player

Monies