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About The Federal Law Journal

The Federal Law Journal (FLJ) is a peer-reviewed, open-access legal research journal dedicated to promoting high-quality scholarship in the legal and judicial fields. The journal operates under a double-blind peer review system, ensuring transparency and objectivity in its publication process. Launched with Volume I, Issue 1 in September 2022, the journal has maintained an uninterrupted biannual publication schedule. In addition to the peer-reviewed section, FLJ includes a non-peer-reviewed section that publishes essays, case comments, reviews, and other writings contributing to judicial knowledge and education.

Publishing Institution

The Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, Pakistan's premier judicial training institute, publishes FLJ. The Academy was established through a Government of Pakistan Resolution in September 1988. It moved to its permanent campus in Islamabad in 1994. It is now operating under the Federal Judicial Academy Act of 1997, which mandates the publication of research journals, reports, and memoirs. The Board of Governors, chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Qazi Faez Isa oversees the Academy's activities, including the publication of FLJ. Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, is an Advisor to the Board of Governors. The Director General of the Academy functions as the Principal Accounting Officer and the chief editor of FLJ, managing the academic and administrative responsibilities of the Academy.

Scope

The Federal Law Journal aims to foster a deeper understanding of legal mechanisms, issues, and reforms by welcoming various submissions. The journal encourages research that contributes to judicial education and the administration of justice, focusing on

applied, problem-solving, and developmental aspects of legal scholarship. Submissions that draw on interdisciplinary insights from allied fields like economics, political science, criminology, and international law are highly encouraged. FLJ accepts the following types of submissions:

- Research Papers, Articles, and Essays
- Case Notes, Case Reviews, and Legislation Reviews
- Book Reviews and Papers on Legal and Judicial Reforms

Aims & Objectives

FLJ strives to advance theoretical and empirical research by encouraging submissions from judges, legal professionals, academics, researchers, and students worldwide. The journal has the following objectives:

- To promote critical, high-quality research across all areas of law, with a focus on the administration of justice
- To offer a platform for judges, academics, court staff, and practitioners to disseminate ideas and research
- To identify gaps in the legal system for potential reforms and contribute to the overall improvement of the justice system
- To foster a culture of judicial education and research

Who Can Contribute?

The *Federal Law Journal* invites contributions from:

- Judges of the Superior Courts and District Judiciary
- Judicial officers, court staff, and faculty members of Judicial Academies
- Legal academics, practitioners, and scholars from disciplines related to the administration of justice
- Law students and legal researchers

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Editorial Foreword

The Federal Judicial Academy has recently revamped its on-campus and online training activities under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Chairman Board of Governors of the Academy, and the Hon'ble Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Senior Puisne Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan and Advisor to the Board of Governors of the Academy. The Academy has also made efforts to improve its research journal. The External Advisory Board of the Federal Law Journal (FLJ) has been reconstituted with inclusion of international experts. This issue is divided into two sections: the peer-reviewed and the non-peer-reviewed.

In the peer-reviewed section, the first article addresses the challenges of delays in recording evidence in civil cases. The second article examines climate change from a human rights perspective which directly affects Pakistan. The third article discusses legal reforms and interpretation of laws from an Islamic perspective. All these articles are authored by judges of the District Judiciary, reflecting a growing research culture among the fraternity. The FLJ has also received several contributions from academics and jurists. The fourth article analyzes the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, of 2021, and proposes reforms for making it more effective. The fifth article is contributed by an international judicial educator exploring cooperation among SAARC countries in legal education. The non-peer-reviewed section includes a review of legislation pertaining to cybercrimes and a review of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan highlighting issues in the police investigation.

 I extend my gratitude to the contributors, reviewers, members of the Editorial Board, and the Editorial Team for their continuous hard work in maintaining and improving the quality of the journal.

Hayat Ali Shah
Chief Editor

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