

Instructions for authors

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About the Journal

The Nordic Commercial Law Review (NCLR) serves as a platform for publishing high-quality legal articles originally published in a language other than English within the Nordic countries. These articles are translated into English and updated to reflect current circumstances at the time of NCLR publication. Articles published up to ten years prior may be republished in NCLR, provided they are revised to ensure relevance. NCLR also welcomes original articles published for the first time in its journal.

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The editorial board's ambition is to assign a DOI number to all articles.

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