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The IUSTITIA Journal extends its call for the reception of Research Articles, which will be subject to evaluation by specialized peers in the field of legal and socio-legal knowledge, with a view to the eventual publication of the issues corresponding to the 2024-1 and 2024-2 periods.

The thematic scope of the issues is open, considering that academic papers whose main theme is research, reflection, and review in the field of legal and socio-legal science will be received.

**EVALUATION PROCESS.** To start the evaluation process, the articles sent to the IUSTITIA Journal that comply with the conditions set out in this call will be presented by the Editor to the Editorial Committee, for the purpose of making a first selection of the material deemed relevant according to the thematic fields covered by the Journal.

The articles selected to continue the process will be subject to evaluation by peer reviewers, experts in the respective topics, who will act in the "double-blind" system, that is, without the authors having knowledge of the identity of the evaluators, nor the evaluators having knowledge of the authors they are evaluating.



Peer review cannot take more than three (3) months, and once completed, the Editor will inform the authors of the result with the arguments that support it.

The results may be:

1. Article accepted for publication without modifications.
2. Article accepted for publication with minor modifications that may come from the Editor, the Editorial Committee, or the peer reviewers.
3. Article accepted for publication with major modifications that may come from the Editor or the peer reviewers and require adjustments by the authors within no more than fifteen (15) calendar days and will require a new evaluation once the adjustments have been made.
4. Article not accepted for publication.

The articles accepted for publication will be subject to the corresponding processes of style correction and layout carried out by the Publications Department of the Universidad Santo Tomás Bucaramanga.

## JOURNAL PRESENTATION

The IUSTITIA Journal is the biannual publication of the Faculty of Law at the Universidad Santo Tomás Bucaramanga. Its primary objective is to present to the academic community, national and international, the results of research processes. The publication aims to contribute to the theoretical and practical dialogue on contemporary and essential issues for legal and socio-legal science, to which interdisciplinary approaches from economics, sociology, anthropology, public administration, international relations, and philosophy are added for a better understanding of legal phenomena as human, social, and ethical problems.

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The documents for eventual publication must fall within the following typologies:

1. **Research Article.** Scientific documents that reflect partial or definitive research results. Therefore, they are original in that they present novel and suitable findings in the specialized knowledge field, derived from duly formulated and executed research projects. They follow the basic IMRD structure: Introduction, Methodology, Results, and Discussion.
2. **Reflection Article.** An original document that presents research results from an analytical, interpretive, and critical perspective of the author on a specific topic, using original sources. It functions under the parameters of a critical essay, aiming to analyze the results of one's own or other research and provide a point of view on the impact of those findings on social reality or the academic field. Similarly, it is recommended to construct it as a meta-analysis of common and current debates in the specialized field of knowledge, where the author accounts for their own thesis based on dominant, alternative, and critical ideas in the field.
3. **Review Article.** A research result document where the results of published or unpublished research on a field in science or technology are organized, analyzed, and integrated in order to account for advances and development trends. They are those that analyze existing literature, theories, and works related to a specific theme in a specialized field of knowledge. These articles require a high level of documentation and theoretical referencing, as they need strong foundations to demonstrate the solidity of the knowledge, the up-to-datedness of the reflections, and the analytical capacity to present them in a brief document. It must contain a minimum of 40 bibliographic references.

## STRUCTURING



1. **Research Articles:** The structure of research articles should contain the following elements:
  - **Title:** It must be short, not exceeding 13 words, without excessive use of prepositions and articles. Clear, precise, easy to understand. Abbreviations should not be used.
  - **Author(s):** They may come from natural persons or legal entities. In this part, it is important to put the author's full name, as well as the academic profile and institutional affiliation with or without the IUSTITIA journal editorial. Only the author who writes the text should be included, not any accompanying advisors or directors. For this call, documents prepared by a maximum of four (4) persons in coauthor ship will be accepted.
  - **Abstract:** This section guides the reader about the main structure and content of the article. The paragraph corresponding to the abstract must have a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 250 words. It must be composed of the following parts: a. The objective or possible hypothesis to be demonstrated, b. The sections of the document (titles, subtitles), c. Approach to the results or conclusions (according to whether the article is a review, reflection, or research).
  - **Keywords:** Keywords, are terms composed of one or more words that are self-explanatory and guiding. They are descriptors that should indicate the themes the text intends to present. Clear and precise. Several five (5) keywords will be required, which must be transcribed into English.
  - **Introduction:** It includes the purpose or objective of the research, and a summary of the state of the art, historical background, and usefulness of the results (the last two briefly and propositionally).
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- Results: Short, clear, and precise. They must correspond to the objectives set out in the research proposal. They should provide an account of the objectives, whether they are positive or negative results derived from the academic research exercise.
- Conclusion: It is the interpretation of the results in the theoretical, conceptual, legal, and/or jurisprudential framework. It is the moment for the author to establish general conclusions of the investigative process and refer to some avenues for the continuity of future inquiry.
- References: Sources cited within the presented document.

2. **Reflection and Review Articles:** For these two textual typologies, compared to the original or scientific article, the following structure will be considered:

- Title: It must be short, not exceeding 13 words, without excessive use of prepositions and articles. Clear, precise, easy to understand. Abbreviations should not be used.
- Author(s): They may come from natural persons or legal entities. In this part, it is important to put the author's full name, as well as the academic profile and institutional affiliation with or without the IUSTITIA journal editorial. Only the author who writes the text should be included, not any accompanying advisors or directors. For this call, documents prepared by a maximum of four (4) persons in coauthorship will be accepted.
- Abstract: This section guides the reader about the main structure and content of the article. The paragraph corresponding to the abstract must have a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 250 words. It must be composed of the following parts: a. The objective of the article, b. The sections of the document (titles, subtitles), c. Approach to the results or conclusions (according to whether the article is a review, reflection, or research).
- Keywords. Keywords or key phrases are terms composed of one or more words that have an explanatory and guiding character. They are descriptors that should indicate

the thematic content of the text clearly and precisely. A number of five (5) keywords are required, which must also be translated into English.

- **Introduction.** This section includes the purpose or objective of the research, as well as a summary of the state of the art, historical background, and usefulness of the results (the latter two being presented in a summarized and propositional manner).
- **Content.** In the case of the reflection article, it will present the theoretical or practical analysis proposed as a thesis derived from the academic exercise. As for the review article, it will contain the result of the analytical exploration of theories and existing works related to a specific thematic area of specialized knowledge.
- **Critical Analysis or Results.** In the case of the reflection article, it must include the discussion of antitheses or alternative theories that the proposed thesis must face. For the review article, it must present the results of the theoretical analysis carried out to establish the categorization of the impact or importance of each perspective in the field of specialized knowledge and establish a theoretical decision as the author.
- **Conclusions.** This section involves interpreting the results within the framework of the theoretical, conceptual, legal and/or jurisprudential reference. It is the author's opportunity to establish general conclusions of the reflection or review process and refer to some avenues for further research.
- **References.** Sources cited within the presented document.

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

The document must be submitted in Word format, in digital medium, with a minimum length of 15 pages and a maximum length of 25 pages (not including the final reference list). Use Times New Roman font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing and normal margins in a Word document (2.5 cm on each edge of the margin). The document must include an abstract and five keywords in Spanish and English. In addition to the above, each article citation must follow the APA 7th edition format, including citations and references. Symbols and abbreviations, such as "CSJC" (Colombian Supreme Court of Justice), should be defined the



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