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About Us & Executive Overview

1. Our Mission & Vision

At **Willóh Publications**, we recognize that the rapid evolution of global fiscal networks and decentralized digital ecosystems demands a radical convergence of legal theory and economic policy. The **Global Review of Financial Regulation and Digital Jurisprudence (GRFRDJ)** is an independent, peer-reviewed global platform dedicated to publishing pioneering scholarship at this critical intersection.

Our core mission is to bridge the gap between complex legal scholarship, state-level regulatory frameworks, and rapidly advancing digital financial systems. In an era defined by cross-border digital assets, algorithmic trading, corporate governance overhauls, and evolving cybersecurity mandates, this journal serves as a dedicated scholarly repository for how legal frameworks adapt to insulate global economic systems from systemic risk.

2. What the Journal is Up To: Advancing the Legal and Fiscal Frontier

The journal is committed to pushing the boundaries of legal and financial publishing through three distinct objectives:

- **Pioneering Interdisciplinary Convergence:** We dissolve the traditional boundaries between commercial law and financial economics, explicitly linking macro-level financial regulation with cutting-edge digital jurisprudence (such as AI liability, blockchain regulation, and data sovereignty).
- **Enforcing Absolute Analytical Rigor:** GRFRDJ is a venue for deeply researched, peer-reviewed legal analyses, empirical financial models, comparative legislative reviews, and high-impact policy evaluations.
- **Driving Actionable Global Value:** Every study is evaluated for its theoretical depth and its *regulatory utility*, providing central banks, financial judiciaries, corporate compliance officers, and tech policymakers with evidence-based frameworks to navigate systemic transformations.

3. What the Publisher Will Do: The Willóh Commitment to Quality

As the parent publishing house, **Willóh Publications** provides the high-fidelity digital infrastructure, ethical oversight, and distribution network necessary to elevate our authors' work. To fulfill this mandate, we execute a continuous four-fold operational strategy:

Absolute Integrity & COPE Governance

We enforce a zero-tolerance policy regarding academic malpractice and text recycling. Operating under the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)** guidelines, we guarantee an uncompromised double-blind peer review process. We protect the sanctity of the scientific record so that institutions worldwide can fully trust our published data.

High-End Digital Infrastructure

We ensure that every article is parsed into clean, machine-readable formats (HTML, XML, and high-fidelity PDF) and assigned a permanent **Crossref Digital Object Identifier (DOI)** to guarantee long-term global tracking, indexing, and citation visibility.

Building Towards Future Indexing

While GRFRDJ is a newly launched journal and currently **not indexed in Scopus, Web of Science (WoS), or ABDC**, our daily operations are structurally aligned to meet their strict criteria. This includes maintaining strict quarterly publication timelines and curating an international board of legal and financial PhD scholars, ensuring a seamless transition into major databases during future review cycles.

Championing Open Science & Global Equity

We offer authors flexible, hybrid pathways to disseminate their research, supporting both traditional publication and Gold Open Access (CC BY 4.0). To ensure that financial constraints never act as a barrier to groundbreaking science, we provide automated 100% APC waivers and 50% discounts for researchers originating from low-income and developing economies.

Author Guidelines

Thank you for considering the **Global Review of Financial Regulation and Digital Jurisprudence (GRFRDJ)** as a venue for your legal or empirical scholarship.

As an independent, peer-reviewed journal, we are committed to providing a transparent, efficient, and constructive publishing process. Please review the comprehensive guidelines

below to ensure your manuscript meets our structural, formatting, and ethical criteria prior to submission.

1. Submission Checklist

Before uploading your manuscript to our digital portal, please ensure you have prepared the following separate, distinct files to maintain our strict peer-review standards:

- **Anonymous Manuscript:** The main text file containing the title, abstract, keywords, body text, references, and any tables or charts. **This file must be completely free of author names, institutional affiliations, or identifying acknowledgments.**
 - **Title Page:** A separate document containing the full manuscript title, names of all co-authors, institutional affiliations, contact emails, verified ORCID iDs, and any necessary funding or conflict of interest disclosures.
 - **Supplementary Materials (Optional):** Raw quantitative datasets, econometric processing scripts (R, Stata, Python), or legislative matrices intended for open-science replication and verification.
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2. Online Submission Process

The journal utilizes a fully digital peer-review tracking platform managed by Willóh Publications. Email, postal, or faxed submissions will not be accepted for evaluation.

Step-by-Step Submission Workflow

1. **Account Creation:** Visit the Willóh Publications Editorial Portal and click **[Register]**. Create an account using your official institutional email address.
2. **ORCID Authentication:** The corresponding author is required to link a verified **ORCID iD** during registration to ensure authentic tracking across global citation networks.
3. **Entering Metadata:** Copy and paste your finalized manuscript title, the 250-word structured abstract, and your selected keywords into the specified system fields.
4. **Uploading Component Files:** Upload your files individually, ensuring they are categorized accurately within the drop-down menu (*Title Page, Main Anonymized Manuscript, Supplementary Files*).
5. **Co-Author Registry:** Input the full names, affiliations, and email addresses of all co-authors. The system will automatically generate a confirmation email to all listed parties upon successful submission.
6. **Ethical Declarations:** Complete the mandatory digital verification check-boxes confirming that the work is original, not concurrently under review elsewhere, and free of undisclosed corporate or governmental conflicts of interest.

7. **Final Submission:** Review the system-generated PDF proof of your submission packet and click "**Submit Manuscript**" to assign your paper a permanent tracking serial number (e.g., *GRFRDJ-2026-0012*).
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3. Manuscript Formats & Structural Limits

Manuscripts must be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) formats. We accept three distinct article profiles:

Original Research & Analytical Legal Articles

- **Word Count:** 6,000–9,000 words (inclusive of tables, footnotes, and references).
- **Core Expectation:** Must present deep jurisprudential analysis, robust empirical financial data, or cross-border regulatory critiques that advance existing literature.

Comparative Policy Reviews

- **Word Count:** 10,000–12,000 words.
- **Core Expectation:** Comprehensive, high-level structural syntheses evaluating and comparing legislative or regulatory overhauls across multiple sovereign jurisdictions.

Case Commentaries & Legislative Notes

- **Word Count:** 2,500–3,500 words.
 - **Core Expectation:** Highly focused, accelerated evaluations of a recent landmark judicial decision, a major regulatory enforcement action, or a newly enacted piece of financial/digital legislation.
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4. Style, Structure, and Layout

Manuscripts must be written in clear, precise academic English. British or American spelling conventions are both acceptable, but must be maintained consistently throughout the text.

Document Settings

- **Font:** 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri.
- **Spacing & Margins:** Double-spaced text with 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides.
- **Line Numbering:** Continuous line numbers must be activated across the entire document to assist peer reviewers during evaluation.

The Structured Abstract Requirement

Every submission must include a **Structured Abstract** of no more than **250 words**, organized under the following mandatory headings (matching Emerald's signature framework):

1. **Purpose:** State the precise legal conflict, regulatory gap, or economic hypothesis addressed.
2. **Design/Methodology/Approach:** Detail the legal analytical methodology, econometric modeling, or comparative statutory framework utilized.
3. **Findings:** Summarize the primary legal interpretations, empirical conclusions, or regulatory solutions discovered.
4. **Practical/Policy Implications:** Explicitly state how these findings can be practically applied by central banks, judicial bodies, corporate compliance departments, or technology legislators.
5. **Originality:** State the unique, definitive contribution this paper makes to existing legal and financial scholarship.

Keywords

Provide **4 to 6 precise keywords** directly below the abstract (e.g., *Smart Contracts; Anti-Money Laundering; Central Bank Digital Currencies; Data Sovereignty*) to optimize search engine discoverability.

5. Citations, Footnotes, and References

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this domain, the journal accepts two primary citation styles. Authors must choose one and apply it uniformly:

- **For Empirical/Economic Focused Papers:** Use **APA 7th Edition** (American Psychological Association) parenthetical in-text citations with an alphabetized reference list at the end of the manuscript. Wherever possible, include an active **DOI URL** link (e.g., [\[https://doi.org/10.xxxx/xxxxx\]](https://doi.org/10.xxxx/xxxxx)(<https://doi.org/10.xxxx/xxxxx>)) for each reference.
 - **For Jurisprudential/Legal Focused Papers:** Use **The Bluebook** citation format (latest edition) using continuous footnotes rather than endnotes or parenthetical references.
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6. Peer Review & Evaluation Workflow

To guarantee absolute neutrality and intellectual validity, the journal enforces a rigorous review pipeline.

1. **Technical Desk Screening:** The Managing Editor evaluates all submissions for baseline format compliance, clear English usage, and absolute anonymity.
 2. **Plagiarism Prevention:** All papers are run through **Turnitin/iThenticate**. Submissions displaying a total similarity index **above 12%**, or **more than 2% from a single external source**, will be instantly desk-rejected without right of appeal.
 3. **Double-Blind Review Phase:** An Associate Editor routes the fully anonymized manuscript to a minimum of **two external, independent PhD peer reviewers** or legal experts. Reviewers are selected from international institutions outside the authors' native region to eliminate geographic bias.
 4. **Editorial Verdict:** The Editor-in-Chief executes the final publication decision (Accept, Minor Revision, Major Revision, or Reject) based on reviewer scorecards evaluating theoretical depth, methodological/legal rigor, and regulatory utility.
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7. Publishing Integrity & Research Ethics

Willóh Publications adheres strictly to the core principles established by the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**.

- **Authorship Integrity:** Every listed author must have made a definitive intellectual contribution to the research based on the ICMJE Attribution Framework. Ghost, guest, or gift authorship is strictly prohibited.
- **Funding and Conflict Disclosures:** Authors are legally required to disclose all corporate sponsorships, university grants, or governmental funding associated with their research on their separate Title Page.
- **Open Data Policy:** In alignment with modern open-science standards, authors publishing quantitative or empirical research are strongly encouraged to deposit their anonymized datasets or statistical code into trusted, non-commercial public repositories (such as Zenodo, Figshare, Harvard Dataverse, or the Open Science Framework) upon official manuscript acceptance.

Editorial Team

The structural integrity and academic excellence of the *Global Review of Financial Regulation and Digital Jurisprudence* are upheld by an independent, international board of distinguished legal scholars, financial economists, and technology policy experts.

Our editorial governance follows a tiered system to manage incoming manuscripts objectively, oversee the double-blind peer-review workflow, and ensure strict compliance with publication ethics.

Leadership

Editor-in-Chief

- **[Name, PhD / SJD / LLD]**
Institutional Affiliation, Country
Research Focus: Financial Regulation, Banking Law, Cross-Border Corporate Jurisprudence.
Editorial Role: Oversees the ultimate strategic and intellectual direction of the journal, executes final publication verdicts, and ensures full operational alignment with the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines.
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Editorial Board

The Editorial Board acts as the primary steering committee for the journal. Board members provide expert peer-review oversight, nominate external reviewers, handle regional manuscript routing, and assist in maintaining the journal's strict quarterly publication schedule.

Regional Associate Editors

To eliminate geographic bias and coordinate a truly global double-blind evaluation framework, our associate editors manage submissions across specific geographic divisions:

Americas Portfolio (Focus: SEC/CFTC Frameworks, Delaware Corporate Law, FinTech Policy)

- **[Name, PhD / JD] – University/Institution, USA**
Expertise: Securities Law, Blockchain Governance, Smart Contract Liability.
- **[Name, PhD] – University/Institution, Canada**
Expertise: Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), Algorithmic Trading Systems.

Europe & UK Portfolio (Focus: GDPR/EU AI Act Alignments, Basel Accords, MiCA Regulations)

- **[Name, PhD / LLM] – University/Institution, UK**
Expertise: Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Protocols, Financial Consumer Protection.
- **[Name, PhD] – University/Institution, Germany**
Expertise: Data Sovereignty, Cybersecurity Law, Tech Sandboxes.

Asia-Pacific & Middle East Portfolio (Focus: Cross-Border Banking, Digital Courtrooms, Sovereign Risk)

- **[Name, PhD / LLD] – University/Institution, India**
Expertise: Comparative Corporate Jurisprudence, Digital Identity Legalities.

- **[Name, PhD]** – *University/Institution, Australia*
Expertise: Decentralized Finance (DeFi) Regulation, Macroprudential Policy Enforcement.
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Advisory Council & Practitioner Panels

In alignment with modern corporate publishing standards, our board includes a dedicated panel of legal practitioners and regulatory officials to ensure that published research translates into actionable utility for central banks, courts, and corporate law firms.

Regulatory & Practitioner Advisory Board

- **[Name, JD / LLM]** – *Senior Regulatory Counsel / Partner, [Law Firm / Regulatory Body]*
Focus: Corporate Compliance, Digital Asset Enforcement.
 - **[Name]** – *Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) / Chief Risk Officer, [Financial Institution]*
Focus: Systemic Risk Mitigation and Global Financial Fraud Insulation.
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Editorial Office & Support

For operational, technical, or submission-related inquiries, the central administrative office can be reached directly via the following channels:

- **Managing Editor:** *[Name/Editorial Desk]* –
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(Handles initial technical desk screening, iThenticate plagiarism verification, citation style alignment, and layout formatting queries.)
 - **Production & XML Layout Team:** production@willohpublications.com
(Manages post-acceptance typesetting, Bluebook footnote verification, HTML/XML galley parsing, and Crossref DOI assignments.)
 - **General Publisher Inquiries:** **Willóh Publications** –
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To replicate the top-tier "Emerald look," hyper-link each editor's name directly to their institutional faculty page or their verified **ORCID / Google Scholar profile**. This provides visiting law and finance scholars with immediate proof of the board's authentic academic

credentials, accelerating the journal's reputation and credibility during its crucial launch phase.}