

Article Submission & Management Feature

Complete Documentation

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Overview

A complete **Article Submission and Review System** for the **Law Nation** platform featuring:





- Guest article submission (no login required)
 - Admin assignment workflow
 - Editor review and approval
 - Public preview and authenticated full access
 - PDF download for logged-in users
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Features

1. Article Submission (Guest Access)

-  Submit articles without creating an account
-  PDF upload (max 10MB)
-  Mandatory and optional fields
-  Email confirmation on submission

2. Admin Management

-  View all submitted articles
-  Filter by status, category, author
-  Assign articles to editors
-  Delete articles

3. Editor Review

- ☒ Option A: Direct approval
- ☒ Option C: Upload corrected PDF → Approve
- ☒ Track revision history

4. Article Access & Visibility

- ☒ Public: Preview only (title, abstract, author)
- ☒ Logged-in: Full article access + PDF download
- ☒ Only approved articles visible to public

5. Email Notifications

- ☒ Submission confirmation
- ☒ Editor assignment notification
- ☒ Author status updates
- ☒ Approval notification
- ☒ Correction notification



Database Schema

Article Model

```
model Article {
  id                String          @id @default(cuid())
  authorName        String
  authorEmail       String
  authorPhone       String?
  authorOrganization String?
  title             String
  category           String
  abstract           Text
  keywords           String?
  coAuthors          Text?
  remarksToEditor    Text?
  originalPdfUrl     String
  currentPdfUrl      String
  status             ArticleStatus @default(PENDING_ADMIN_REVIEW)
  assignedEditorId   String?
  assignedEditor     User?          @relation(fields: [assignedEditorId],
references: [id])
  submittedAt        DateTime       @default(now())
  reviewedAt         DateTime?
  approvedAt         DateTime?
  createdAt           DateTime       @default(now())
  updatedAt          DateTime       @updatedAt
  revisions           ArticleRevision[]
}
```

```

    @@index([status])
    @@index([assignedEditorId])
    @@index([authorEmail])
}

```

ArticleRevision Model

```

model ArticleRevision {
  id          String   @id @default(cuid())
  articleId   String
  article     Article  @relation(fields: [articleId], references: [id],
onDelete: Cascade)
  pdfUrl      String
  uploadedBy  String?
  comments    Text?
  createdAt   DateTime @default(now())

  @@index([articleId])
}

```

ArticleStatus Enum

```

enum ArticleStatus {
  PENDING_ADMIN_REVIEW
  ASSIGNED_TO_EDITOR
  PENDING_APPROVAL
  APPROVED
  REJECTED
}

```



API Endpoints

Public Endpoints

Submit Article (Guest)

POST /api/articles/submit

- Content-Type: multipart/form-data
- Required: pdf, authorName, authorEmail, title, category, abstract

Get Article Preview

GET /api/articles/:id/preview

Returns limited data (no PDF URLs).

Protected Endpoints (Authentication Required)

List Articles

GET /api/articles

Supports filtering, pagination, and role-based access.

Get Full Article

GET /api/articles/:id

Only returns **approved** articles.

Download Article PDF

GET /api/articles/:id/download

Returns downloadable PDF URL.

Assign Editor (Admin)

PATCH /api/articles/:id/assign-editor

Approve Article (Editor)

PATCH /api/articles/:id/approve

Upload Corrected PDF (Editor)

PATCH /api/articles/:id/upload-corrected

Delete Article (Admin)

DELETE /api/articles/:id

Workflow

1. Guest submits article → PENDING_ADMIN_REVIEW

2. **Admin assigns editor** → ASSIGNED_TO_EDITOR
3. **Editor reviews**
4. Option A: Direct approve → APPROVED
5. Option C: Upload correction → PENDING_APPROVAL → Approve
6. **Article published & visible**

Access Control

Permissions

- article.read
- article.write
- article.delete

Roles

Role	Capabilities
Guest	Submit & preview
Logged-in User	Full access + download
Editor	Review & approve
Admin	Full control

Email Notifications

Trigger	Recipient
Submission	Author
Editor Assignment	Editor
Status Updates	Author
Approval	Author
Correction	Author

Emails are async and non-blocking.

Setup Instructions

1. Install dependencies
2. Configure environment variables
3. Generate Prisma client
4. Create permissions
5. Assign roles

6. Start server



Testing Guide

Includes test cases for:

- Guest submission
 - Admin assignment
 - Editor approval
 - PDF download
 - Filtering & pagination
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Feature Summary

- ☒ Guest submission
 - ☒ Admin & editor workflows
 - ☒ RBAC permissions
 - ☒ Email notifications
 - ☒ Prisma + TypeScript
 - ☒ PDF storage
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Production Checklist

- SMTP credentials
 - Supabase storage
 - Permissions setup
 - Monitoring & logging
 - Frontend integration
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File Structure

```
backend/  
├─ prisma/  
├─ src/  
│   ├─ modules/article/  
│   ├─ middlewares/  
│   └─ utils/  
└─ .env
```

Status: COMPLETE

All features implemented and ready for testing and deployment.