



EDITORIAL COMMENTARY
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The Implementation of Laws and Regulations
in Indonesia**

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When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society.

Pope John Paul II

Verily, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and He forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

Surah An-Nahl 16: 90

THE IMPLEMENTATION of laws and regulations is an important part of law enforcement. It involves the willingness of legal officers and the general society to enforce the law in order to maintain social order and to establish justice. Law is not just for law. Law is for the betterment of the society. Without the implementation of law and regulations, law will be meaningless.

People need justice as well as social prosperity through the implementation of laws. The implementation of laws also makes people aware that legal certainty truly exists in the society. Government makes laws and regulations for the society, and they need to enforce the law to ensure that rule of laws exist in the society.

This Journal's edition is about the implementation of laws and regulations. We provide several articles that discuss how laws and regulation have been implemented in Indonesia. Suwandoko and Rodiyah analyze the implementation of the pillars of the bureaucratic reform in increasing taxpayers' compliance at Semarang Tax Office. They argue that the implementation of the pillars of the bureaucratic reform at the Semarang Tax Office is important for several considerations, including philosophical, sociological and juridical reasons. Muhammad Ikbal studies the implementation of discretion in the context of penal policy at the Yogyakarta Police Department. The study shows that the discretion in the Yogyakarta Police Department is guided by the provisions of written rules and unwritten rules that live in the community. It is also guided by the lines of criminal law policy. The investigators applied the discretion through restorative justice approaches.

Another article by Muhammad Insan Tarigan analyzes the implementation of countermeasures effort of illegal fishing in Indonesia. He discusses the Indonesian government policy in destroying and sinking illegal vessels that operate within Indonesia's water territory. He argues that the policy is not contradictory to international laws, including UNCLOS 1982, IPOA-IUU Fishing or CCRF. Another article by Selvia Ichwani Hidayati discusses the Implementation of the Minister of Health's Regulation on the Performance of the Community Health Service in Bawen, Central Java. The author argues that the implementation of the regulation has been in line with the indicators required by the law. However, some internal and external problems still exist.

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Finally, I wish this edition could contribute significantly to the development of legal and trigger more discussions on the implementation of laws and regulations in Indonesia.

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**AT HIS BEST, MAN
IS THE NOBLEST OF
ALL ANIMALS,
SEPARATED FROM
LAW AND JUSTICE
HE IS THE WORST**

Aristotle

Ancient Greek Philosopher