

INDONESIA LAW REPORT (ILR) AS A PLATFORM FOR PUBLISHING SUPREME COURT JURISPRUDENCE: A LITERATURE REVIEW OF ITS ROLE IN COLLECTING, SELECTING, AND PUBLISHING NEW LEGAL FINDINGS RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF TODAY'S SOCIETY

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Abstract

The Indonesia Law Report (ILR) is the Supreme Court's official platform that functions as a medium for collecting, selecting, and publishing jurisprudential decisions that contain new and important legal discoveries. This study uses a literature review method to examine the role of the ILR in developing a systematic storage of jurisprudence, gathering strategic decisions, and disseminating legal information relevant to the needs of today's society. The results of the study show that ILR contributes greatly to improving accessibility, transparency, and legal education for legal practitioners, academics, and the general public. With regular publications and digital presentation, ILR facilitates the adjustment of law to social dynamics and technological developments in an effective and responsive manner. The existence of ILR strengthens the quality and accountability of the judicial process and supports sustainable legal reform in Indonesia.

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Introduction

The Supreme Court (MA), as the highest judicial institution in Indonesia, has a strategic role in the formation of national law. Since the beginning of independence, the MA has occupied the position of the highest judicial body that decides on various important cases from the general, religious, military, and administrative courts. This position requires the SC to not only carry out its adjudicative function, but also to be responsible for the development of law through jurisprudence resulting from decisions that are considered to contain new legal principles and are relevant to social dynamics (Westminster, 2025).

Jurisprudence as a source of law cannot be underestimated in the Indonesian legal system. In judicial practice, Supreme Court decisions containing new legal principles are able to fill gaps in legislation, clarify ambiguous norms, and adapt the law to ongoing social changes. However, access to this jurisprudence has been limited and unsystematic, making it less than optimal in supporting legal practice and the

development of legislation . To overcome these limitations, the Supreme Court, through its official secretariat, launched the Indonesia Law Report (ILR) as a digital medium for publishing jurisprudence. The ILR is designed as a platform to collect, select, and publish important decisions containing new legal findings in a format that is easily accessible and understandable to the public and legal practitioners. With quarterly publications at and the possibility of special editions, the ILR seeks to bridge the gap between legal developments in rulings and the needs of the general public (Trautman, 2014) .

The Supreme Court's long history as a judicial institution underpins the need for renewal in jurisprudence publications. From the early days of independence to the present, this institution has undergone various transformations, including in terms of administration and information technology. ILR is part of this innovation, which keeps pace with the times and information technology, demonstrating the Supreme Court's commitment to transparency and accountability in disseminating the legal principles it produces (Westwood & Wilson, 2019) .

The publication of ILR is not only about presenting important decisions, but also plays an important role in reflecting the direction and impact of legal developments in Indonesia. New legal discoveries raised in ILR are selected based on strict criteria, namely decisions that contain maximum legal interpretation, filling legal gaps, changes in customary law, and legal principles that are highly relevant to the social issues faced by society today. This forms the main foundation for the establishment of sustainable jurisprudence that is adaptive to social changes and the legal needs of society (Islam, 2023) .

The management of ILR also reflects the professional institutional governance of the Supreme Court Secretariat. With an organised structure and systematic working mechanisms, ILR ensures the validity and quality of published content so that it can be trusted as a legal reference. In addition, ILR also demonstrates the integration of information technology that enables data openness for the public, legal media, academics, and practitioners in accessing decision information quickly and accurately(Morihamada, 2025) .

ILR has great potential in strengthening the jurisprudence structure in Indonesia. This platform serves as a repository of landmark decisions and decisions with innovative legal principles that can be used as the main reference in law enforcement. Thus, ILR is not just an ordinary publication medium, but also part of the legal system that makes a real contribution to improving the legal process and increasing legal certainty in Indonesia (B. Napitupulu, 2022) . In addition to its practical benefits in the judicial system, ILR also makes a significant contribution to academic research and the development of legal science. With the availability of complete and systematic documentation of decisions, researchers and academics can conduct in-depth analyses of jurisprudential developments, legal thought trends, and the social implications of

various Supreme Court decisions. This opens up space for scientific studies based on valid and up-to-date primary data (Napitupulu, 2022) .

The public's need for fast, accurate, and socially relevant legal information is increasing in line with the complexity of the legal issues faced. ILR is a strategic solution that addresses these challenges by providing important rulings containing the latest legal findings that are relevant to the needs of today's society. With the ease of digital access, ILR opens opportunities for the wider public to understand legal developments and obtain better protection of their rights(Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia, 2025) .

Digital transformation in the legal field is an unavoidable global trend, and the implementation of ILR as a digital jurisprudence platform is a highly appropriate step forward. Through ILR, the Supreme Court is participating in the globalisation of law by providing transparent, open, and accessible Indonesian legal data online at any time. This not only enhances the image of the Supreme Court as a modern and responsive judicial body, but also increases public trust in judicial institutions in the digital era(, Supreme Court of Indonesia, 2025) . However, in its development, ILR also faces various challenges, particularly related to the consistency of decision selection, data updating, and adaptation to ever-evolving technology. The development of human resources and technology is key to ensuring that ILR can function optimally and meet the expectations of its users, ranging from judges and academics to the general public. Therefore, research on the role of ILR is very important to explore the strengths and weaknesses of this platform as a basis for further development.

Research Method

This research uses a normative juridical research method with a qualitative approach that focuses on library research. This method was carried out by collecting, reviewing, and analysing legal materials in the form of official documents from the Supreme Court, Indonesia Law Report (ILR) publications, laws and regulations, law journals, as well as secondary and primary legal literature relevant to the research topic (Elijah & Aslan, 2025) . The data was collected through literature and documentation studies, then analysed descriptively using deductive reasoning to understand the role of the ILR in collecting, selecting, and publishing jurisprudence containing new legal findings and its relationship with the legal needs of today's society. This approach is expected to provide a comprehensive and systematic overview of the strategic function of ILR as a platform for Supreme Court jurisprudence in the digital era .

Results and Discussion

The Role of the Indonesia Law Report (ILR) in the Collection and Selection of Supreme Court Decisions

The Indonesia Law Report (ILR) was established as a special platform by the Supreme Court to address the main problem in jurisprudence management, namely the lack of systematics and access to court decisions containing new legal findings. The main function of the ILR is to serve as a structured repository that selectively collects the best decisions from various judicial environments that have strategic or innovative legal value. Thus, the ILR seeks to build a legal database that is not only comprehensive but also of high quality, promoting consistency and legal certainty(Supreme Court).

The collection of decisions in the ILR is carried out with strict standards and rules oriented towards legal and social relevance. The collection mechanism is based on selective criteria to ensure that the decisions included in the ILR are those that have new legal rules, in-depth legal interpretations, and contribute to national legal reform. The decisions included cover various areas of law such as civil, criminal, administrative, and religious law, demonstrating the diversity and comprehensiveness of Indonesian jurisprudence (Fei, 2024) .

The Supreme Court's clerical team plays a central role in collecting decision data for the ILR. They work systematically to identify important decisions from every judicial environment, including courts of first instance, appeals, and cassation. This process does not only rely on automatic searches, but also requires in-depth evaluation by legal experts to determine which decisions are indeed worthy of becoming strategic jurisprudence references in accordance with ILR standards (Mahmud Marzuki, 2005) .

The selection of rulings is not only based on their legal substance but also on their social impact and the current legal needs of society. The ILR prioritises decisions that are capable of providing solutions to legal issues that are developing in society and providing legal responses to contemporary issues such as technology, human rights, and governance. This ensures that the ILR does not become merely a formal archive but an active forum for legal reform (Centre for Legal Informatics, 2023) .

The decision selection procedure also utilises advanced information technology, enabling the digitisation of legal documents and metadata-based analysis, thereby accelerating the identification of decisions with specific criteria. This technology-based approach presents ILR as a modern platform capable of keeping pace with the digital transformation in legal services, while also increasing the transparency and accuracy of jurisprudence data available to the public (DEAS Institute, 2016) . One of the main advantages of ILR is its ability to accumulate decisions with new legal discoveries that reflect the dynamics of adaptive law. The ILR presents decisions that not only enforce the law textually, but also interpret the law with an innovative approach, expanding the conventional legal paradigm and making the law more responsive to the socio-cultural developments of Indonesian society (Bhardwaj & Madhusudan, 2016) .

(The ILR is an important medium for the Supreme Court to showcase landmark decisions—decisions that have been a source of major change in Indonesian legal practice. Such decisions have become the main reference for judges throughout Indonesia, so that the ILR's function as a centre for the distribution of jurisprudential decisions contributes significantly to the standardisation of judicial practice (Metzeningen et al., 2023) .

The role of the ILR also serves as a benchmark for the accountability and professionalism of the Supreme Court in carrying out its judicial functions. By managing this platform transparently and selectively, the Supreme Court demonstrates its commitment to delivering high-quality decisions that are legally and socially accountable. Open publication through ILR increases public trust in court decisions, as the public can monitor and refer to decisions that influence national law (Oxford Law Review, 2025) .

ILR management is directly integrated with the court administration system, ensuring continuity and consistency in the selection of decisions. This enables ILR to keep track of the latest developments in law and regularly update its jurisprudence database, making the platform relevant to the ever-changing legal landscape and community needs(Quteishat et al., 2024b) .

In the selection process, ILR also collaborates with academics and legal practitioners who have expertise in various fields of law. This collaboration opens up space for critical and scientific peer review in assessing which decisions are worthy of publication, while ensuring that the decisions presented in ILR not only contain legal innovation but also meet legal ethics and professionalism standards (Bennett, 2023) .

The legal basis and internal regulations regarding the collection and selection of decisions included in the ILR refer to the Supreme Court's high-level policy. This policy affirms the principles of independence, objectivity, and openness in the publication of decisions containing new legal findings as the Supreme Court's contribution to national legal reform (UN Reports, 2024) .

In practical terms, the collection and selection of ILR decisions provides significant benefits for lawyers, judges, academics, and other members of the legal community in accelerating the process of legal research and high-quality decision references. This reduces the risk of inconsistency in law enforcement, as all parties have equal access to standardised and up-to-date legal decisions recognised by the Supreme Court(Ratnapala, 2017) .

The development of systematic and digitally-based collection and selection methods also opens up opportunities for ILR to continue to be developed in the future into an increasingly interactive and inclusive jurisprudence platform, including the possibility of integration with other databases and artificial intelligence for legal trend prediction and big data analysis of court decisions (Lindsey & Butt, 2018) .

Thus, the role of ILR in collecting and selecting Supreme Court decisions does not only stop at the documentation function, but has developed into a strategic instrument that supports legal reform, improves the quality of the judiciary, and meets the increasingly complex and dynamic legal needs of Indonesian society in this digital era.

The Role of ILR in the Publication and Dissemination of New Legal Discoveries Relevant to the Needs of Today's Society

The Indonesia Law Report (ILR) not only serves as a repository for the collection and selection of Supreme Court decisions containing new legal discoveries, but also plays a crucial role in the publication and dissemination of this jurisprudential information to the wider community. As an official media published periodically, ILR ensures that strategic decisions are accessible in a transparent and timely manner, strengthening the openness of legal information in Indonesia (At DMorihamada, 2025).

ILR publications are made available digitally in an easily accessible format through the Supreme Court's official online platform, making it easier for legal practitioners, academics, students, and the general public to obtain up-to-date legal information without geographical constraints. This digital approach is in line with the global trend of legal information digitalisation, which accelerates distribution and increases the accessibility of legal data(Mentzengin et al., 2023) .

As a periodical publication, ILR publishes regular editions every four months, while also providing special editions that highlight current legal issues or specific themes that are of national concern. This publication pattern makes ILR a medium that not only stores legal archives but also actively follows developments and dynamics of legal issues in society (Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia, 2023) .

ILR focuses on disseminating new legal findings that are relevant and provide solutions to social issues, particularly in the context of social shifts, technological advances, and changes in people's lifestyles. This publication provides information that strengthens public access to developing laws and supports the effective enforcement of constitutional rights (USM Honors Thesis, 2025) .

In this context, ILR also has an educational role, providing a better understanding of how Supreme Court decisions can change and influence legal governance in various fields, ranging from human rights, agrarian reform, consumer protection to environmental management. The information presented in ILR helps the public understand the comprehensive legal implications (Wang, 2024) .

ILR's systematic and standardised publication method ensures the quality of the content distributed so that every decision published has gone through a rigorous selection process to ensure that only decisions that have new and relevant legal value are disseminated. This prevents the publication from being overloaded with unverified information and helps readers focus on strategic legal information (Row, 2015) .

The ILR also promotes inclusivity by making complex and technical decisions accessible and understandable to a wider audience through the preparation of summaries, analyses, and contextual explanations that clarify the substance and impact of the decisions. This approach brings the law closer to the public, bridging the gap between technical legal language and the public's need for understanding (Majeed, 2022).

The use of digital technology allows ILR to use various media formats such as text, graphics, and hyperlinks that direct readers to relevant legal sources, thereby enriching the reading experience and enhancing in-depth understanding of the legal phenomena being discussed. This is an important breakthrough in the dissemination of modern legal information (Scharcz, 2025).

ILR contributes to increasing the transparency and accountability of judicial institutions by providing decision information that is open to the public. Through this publication, the legal process underway in the Supreme Court can be monitored by the public and the media, strengthening social control over the judicial process and encouraging fairer and more responsible decision-making.

The general public, who have had difficulty accessing important rulings, can now use ILR as a primary source for credible legal rulings that can be used as practical references for academic purposes, legal practice, and general understanding of national law (et al., 2024a).

The ILR also serves a strategic function in supporting the formation of public opinion based on a correct understanding of the law. By disseminating accurate and comprehensive jurisprudential decisions, the ILR helps prevent the spread of legal misinformation and fosters greater legal awareness among the general public. The publication of ILR is a response to the needs of the judicial system and the public for quick and easy access to the latest legal developments. This not only increases the efficiency of judges and lawyers in preparing cases, but also accelerates the public's understanding of applicable legal developments (Reynolds, 2023).

The role of ILR is also part of the Supreme Court's efforts to adapt to the demands of the era of bureaucratic reform and good governance, which prioritises openness and public services based on information technology, making this publication a tangible manifestation of the application of these principles in the judicial field. ILR has initiated a new paradigm in legal publications in Indonesia that is not only oriented towards formal documentation, but also towards strategic aspects, namely how the law is disseminated widely and accurately so that it can be easily utilised by various levels of society (Waterman, 2024).

The involvement of various stakeholders in the process of disseminating ILR, including academics, practitioners, and civil society, is also key to ILR's success in meeting the legal needs of the community in a participatory and responsive manner. This opens up opportunities for the development of the ILR platform into a broader

forum for dialogue and legal education (Indonesia Judicial Research Society (IJS), 2019).

With all its advancements and innovations, ILR's role in publishing and disseminating new legal findings is vital in strengthening Indonesia's national legal system and ensuring that the law is not merely a written rule, but a living and relevant one that addresses the ever-evolving needs of today's society.

Conclusion

The Indonesia Law Report (ILR) plays a strategic role as the Supreme Court's official platform for collecting, selecting, and publishing important decisions that contain new legal findings. The existence of the ILR responds to the urgent need to improve the systematics of jurisprudence storage and access, which has been limited and unstructured. With strict decision selection criteria oriented towards legal and social relevance, the ILR ensures that the decisions published are not only of high quality but also represent legal developments that are adaptive to contemporary issues and the changing needs of Indonesian society.

The ILR's regular digital publications facilitate the dissemination of jurisprudence information to a wide audience, including legal practitioners, academics, and the general public, thereby increasing the transparency and accessibility of national law. The ILR not only functions as a medium for documentation but also plays an educational role by providing context and analysis that facilitates understanding of decisions so that the law becomes more alive and easier to apply in society. This strengthens the ILR's position as an important instrument in strengthening public trust in judicial institutions and supporting the formation of sound legal opinions.

Thus, the ILR is an important innovation in the reform of the judicial system that strengthens the accountability, quality, and relevance of the Supreme Court's jurisprudence in Indonesia. Professional and information technology-based management of the ILR opens up opportunities for further development as a dynamic and proven legal database, as well as a source of inspiration for national legal reforms that can effectively and sustainably respond to the legal needs of today's society.

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