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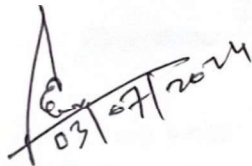
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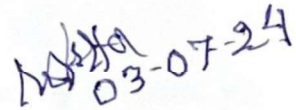
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# Abbreviations

ACTSC	Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court
AD	Advance Directive
AIR	All India Reporter
BARDD	Belgian Association for the Right to Die with Dignity
Bom LR	Bombay Law Reporter
Calif. L. Rev	California Law Review
CC	Common Cause
CrLJ	Criminal Law Journal
CUP	Cambridge University Press
DNR	Do -Not- Resuscitate
DPP	Director of Public Prosecution
DWDA	Death with Dignity Act
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
Ed	Edition
Eds	Editors
EWCA	England and Wales Court of Appeal
EWHC	England and Wales High Court
FCR	Family Court Reports
HC	High Court
HL	House of Lords
ICESR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
IPC	Indian Penal Code
ISCCM	Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine
JMFC	Judicial Magistrate First Class

Kar	Karnataka
MAID	Medical Aid in Dying
MH	Mental Healthcare
NEJM	The New England Journal of Medicine
NHS	National Health Service
NJ	New Jersey
NSWSC	New South Wales Supreme Court
NT	News Northern Territory News
NTLR	Northern Territory Law Reports (Australia)
NY	New York
NZLR	New Zealand Law Reports
ORS	Others
OUP	Oxford University Press
PC	Palliative Care
PIL	Public Interest Litigation
PVS	Persistent Vegetative State
QB	Queens Bench
RDMA	Royal Dutch Medical Association
SC	Supreme Court
SCC	Supreme Court Cases
SCI	Supreme Court of India
SCR	Supreme Court Reporter
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom
UKSC	United Kingdom Supreme Court
UN	United Nations
US /USA	United States/ United States of America



VAD	Voluntary Assisted Dying
WASC	Western Australia Supreme Court
WHO	World Health Organization
WLR	Weekly Law Reports

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