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## **A FINAL FOREWORD**

*“A Panorama of Brazilian Law’ is a step towards realizing a long standing dream: To provide the world with a window to Brazilian law”.*

These were the concluding words of the Foreword I wrote for the collection of essays on various fields of Brazilian law, as co-editor of the “Panorama of Brazilian Law”, together with Professor Keith S. Rosenn of the University of Miami, which was published in 1992.

21 years have passed and now a group of the next generation of Brazilian law scholars has undertaken to resuscitate and keep alive the idea of the Panorama by means of a permanent electronic journal.

Professor Carmen Tiburcio, who contributed to the original Panorama and later substituted me as head of the Private International Law Department of the Rio de Janeiro State University, together with Raphael Carvalho de Vasconcelos and Bruno Rodrigues de Almeida, both professors of international law at the UFRRJ are leading this important initiative.

Today, much more than two decades ago - Brazil, one of the BRIC countries - has become an important player in the international economy and its legal system an important factor in the proper development of international commercial relations.

May this effort prosper for years and generations to come.

***Jacob Dolinger, 2013***

## EDITORIAL NOTE

In 1992, a group of prominent Brazilian scholars led by Professors Jacob Dolinger (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro) and Keith Rosenn (University of Miami) created the journal Panorama of Brazilian Law as an attempt to provide reliable legal information on Brazilian Law for non-Portuguese speakers. Originally planned as a Yearbook, the ancient PBL presented papers related to several branches of Brazilian law written by respected authors. Due to several reasons, this groundbreaking project did not go ahead and the inaugural issue was the only one released.

In order to rescue the goals and ideas of the original project, the first number of the new Panorama of Brazilian Law was issued in 2013 with sixteen articles in three different languages – English, French and German - covering several brands of Brazilian law. Besides its print version, the yearbook is also available in the electronic magazine format ([www.panoramaofbrazilianlaw.com](http://www.panoramaofbrazilianlaw.com)) which allows a broader perspective for the broadcasting of articles reaching a greater number of potential researchers.

For this second edition, papers written in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish were able to submission. Papers in English, French, German and Spanish were selected and are original and unpublished. Versions of papers originally released in Portuguese or published in the context of academic conferences were also accepted.

The Scientific Council is responsible for the Editorial Line of the magazine, whose goals are to spread information about Brazil's legal order and juridical environment among non-Portuguese speakers.

Formal aspects and criteria for publication are found at the [www.panoramaofbrazilianlaw.com](http://www.panoramaofbrazilianlaw.com) website under “about” > “submissions” > “author guidelines”. The call for papers for its forthcoming volume 3 is already available.

The tolerant and plural perspective of the project, which is opened to all branches of Brazilian law, was determinant for choosing not to establish a hermetic format concerning the logical organization of the articles – neither with respect to its distribution along the yearbook nor in the organization adopted by authors in its papers.

The access to the online magazine is completely free of costs or registration.

The editors of Panorama of Brazilian Law are very happy with the present success and positive repercussions of the project and hope to provide foreign researchers an ultimate way to access Brazilian law.

Brazil, September 2014.

**Raphael Carvalho de Vasconcelos**  
**Bruno Rodrigues de Almeida**

## **EDITORIAL POLICY**

### **AND**

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

### **REASONS**

One should not deny that there are studies on Brazilian law already available in foreign languages. Such efforts are, however, mainly isolated initiatives. Law sectors with traditional external interest, such as business law and investment's regulation, naturally receive attention of foreign researchers and concentrate the most publications about Brazilian law in other languages.

Portuguese constitutes also a natural barrier to put forward Brazilian law abroad. A legal journal entirely released in foreign languages is intended to contribute to break this barrier stimulating academic research focused on international researchers and scholars.

It has been noted that the lack of updated material on Brazilian legislation in idioms other than Portuguese constitutes an obstacle for interested scholars or potential investors.

At the same time, it is always desirable to increase the integration of Brazilian Law Academy in the international scenario, thus facilitating the access of foreigners to take knowledge and participate in the discussions in Brazilian legal arena.

### **GENERAL NOTES**

Panorama of Brazilian Law is a journal that publishes articles, book reviews and essays substantially related to Brazilian Law. Within such context, research works and papers focused on Theory of Law, Sociology of Law, Philosophy of Law and History of Law are also acceptable.

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### **PUBLICATION FREQUENCY**

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