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EDITORIAL

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Dear readers,

The Journal E-Legis has consolidated great prestige throughout its history, gaining recognition in the academic-scientific community. Revealing itself as a source of interest for renowned authors and researchers in various areas of knowledge, especially in the social sciences and humanities, its influence extends beyond these domains. This recognition is the result of the commitment and competence of the entire editorial team, combined with continuous improvement initiatives. These initiatives include multilingual publication and the assignment of unique digital identifiers (DOI - Digital Object Identifier) to articles, with the aim of broadening both the readership and the geographical reach of publications.

As a result, E-Legis rose from the Qualis B2 stratum in the 2013-2016 quadrennium to the A4 stratum in the 2017-2020 quadrennium, following the evolution of the postgraduate program in which it is inserted, whose Professional Master's in Legislative Power received concept 5 in the same period, the highest concept for programs that only offer a master's degree.

Now, we have the opportunity to aim higher, aiming for the upper A strata. This will require even more challenging measures, including indexing the Journal E-Legis in important bibliographic databases such as Scopus, SciELO, and Web of Science. This initiative aims to give our magazine greater visibility and international recognition.

To this end, in 2023, the Postgraduate Coordination Office, together with the team of editors-in-chief and associates, made efforts to revise the editorial policy of E-Legis, which now incorporates new quality requirements laid down in the most respected indexing databases for scientific journals. Among the international best practices adopted are: the publication of articles in a continuous flow, in the form of original articles or experience reports; the possibility of publishing reviewers' opinions; automated templates for formatting texts, figures, bibliographical references and citations; and the availability of a public repository for databases and programming codes.

This issue opens the new phase of the magazine with an article by Professor Thiago Gomes Eirão, who discusses the professional profiles of parliamentarians since the 1988 Constitution. In addition to the clear and accessible language, which strives for scientific rigor and compliance with ABNT standards throughout the text, especially with regard to citations and references, the reader will be able to notice the innovations in the layout, which, in addition to being in line with the highest standards of professional publishing, contribute to a fluid and precise reading.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Professor Antonio Teixeira de Barros, who, for around eight consecutive and tireless years, was at the head of the magazine, masterfully steering the course that made E-Legis what it is today. We cannot fail to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of our colleagues Tatyana de Azevedo Maia and Mauro Moura Severino, who worked enthusiastically to draw up the new editorial policy and restructure the website. Professor Mauro has also successfully tackled the challenge of automating the article submission and editing models, an advance that undoubtedly contributes significantly to the quality of the new publications. In addition, it is important to highlight the essential work of the Editorial and

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Scientific Boards and the Editorial Committee made up of colleagues Christina Lima Campos Estellita Lins and Isabel Lôbo de Figueiredo, who have embraced the new work processes with determination.

It is in this spirit of innovation and with the conviction of promising prospects that I am honored to present and open our first issue of 2024, remembering that, over the course of the semester, other articles, which are still going through the editorial flow, and translations in the two languages other than the original will make up this issue. We hope that the current format will please the reader and contribute to the production and dissemination of new knowledge.

Have a good read!