

## Editorial Note

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The second issue of *Católica Law Review* – Volume III, which we hereby publish, has consolidated the path that was kick-started three years ago, giving consistency to a type of law review that is common in foreign countries but still relatively uncommon in Portugal. All the published articles – regardless of whether they arose from an invitation specifically addressed to the author or from submissions to the call for papers – have been subject to a rigorous peer review process. Moreover, the reviewers involved are affiliated with institutions – national or foreign – other than Católica. This ensures, within the Portuguese market, a unique seal of quality of the published pieces.

The doctrinal part of this issue includes contributions by Christine Windbichler (Humboldt-Universität), Luisa Antonioli (University of Trento), Marco Rizzuti (University of Florence) and Nuno Manuel Pinto Oliveira (STJ and University of Minho). It also includes a commentary to a Supreme Court Ruling by Joana Vasconcelos (Católica-Lisbon) and a book review by Maria de Fátima Ribeiro (Católica-Porto).

In her article, Christine Windbichler explains the difficulties surrounding the definition of a legal status for groups of companies, in particular to what extent the group should be treated as a unit endowed with legal personhood. Luisa Antonioli, in turn, focusing on recent developments in European private law, examines the growing use of quantitative analysis tools in legislation, such as indicators, rankings and benchmarking. Marco Rizzuti's reflections focus on the legal consequences, particularly with regard to the concept of parenthood, of the use of new genetic biotechnologies. Nuno Pinto Oliveira questions whether the rule of transfer of ownership by mere effect of the contract should be qualified as a constitutive rule.

In addition to these contributions, Joana Vasconcelos comments on the ruling of the Supreme Court of Justice of June 6, 2018, regarding the need for a prior opinion issued by the Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment in case of dismissal of workers on parental leave, and Maria de Fátima Ribeiro

reviews the work of Stephen M. Bainbridge and M. Todd Henderson, entitled “Limited Liability. A Legal and Economic Analysis”.

The present issue, much like the previous ones, sought to reflect a selection of diversified, cross-cutting and current topics, capable of arousing the interest not only of private law enthusiasts, but of jurists in general.