## **EDITORIAL**

Revista Meritum is a traditional periodical and a reference in Law, being classified with stratum B1 by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel - CAPES, through the set of procedures called Qualis Periodicals.

The year 2021 began, with Volume 16, with one more novelty: the Jurisprudential Comments section. In this section, critical comments on relevant jurisprudential decisions, nationally (preferably from higher courts) and internationally (eg from International Courts of Human Rights), will be published. Comments will be accepted: a) based on consistent doctrine; b) with criticism in a scientific way; c) using solid, current and significant references.

Articles submitted to Revista Meritum vol. 16, no. 1, were evaluated by the Editorial Coordination, which examined the adequacy to the editorial line of the journal, formal and methodological elementary and advanced aspects, among others. Subsequently, each text was sent to at least two reviewers, through the double blind peer review system, for analysis of form and content, as well as the issuance of the opinion.

In this vol. 16, no. 1, prestigious issues of the legal universe related to the Democratic State of Law and the realization of constitutional fundamental rights. It seeks to analyze and debate perspectives that help to critically interpret contemporaneity and the challenges that arise from it.

On the occasion, the Editors pay their tribute and thanks to everyone who contributed to this laudable initiative of Universidade FUMEC and, in particular, to all the authors who participated in this publication, with emphasis on the commitment and seriousness shown in the research carried out and in the elaboration of the excellent texts.

You are invited to read and/or listen to the articles presented in a dynamic way and committed to the formation of critical thinking, to enable the construction of a Law aimed at the inclusion and implementation of precepts engraved in the Constitutional Democratic State of Law.

Happy reading everyone!

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