



BY-LAWS

CATÓLICA LAW REVIEW

I. General Provisions

Article 1

(Subject)

The subject of the present by-laws is the Review of the *Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law*.

Article 2

(Designation)

The Review adopts the designation of *Católica Law Review (CLR)*.

Article 3

(Scope)

1. The CLR is a periodical of generalist scope, embracing all areas and methods of legal research.
2. Each issue of the CLR is devoted to one of three major areas encompassing legal research at large: public law, private law, and criminal law.

Article 4

(Aims)

CLR aims to disseminate legal research of exceptional quality following the most demanding international standards.



Article 5

(Languages)

CLR publishes texts in Portuguese and English.

Article 6

(Periodicity)

1. CLR is published three times a year at approximately four-month intervals.
2. Each year an issue of CLR is devoted to one of the three major areas of legal research: public law, private law, and criminal law.

Article 7

(Support)

CLR is published in both paper and digital versions.

II. Editorial Provisions

Article 8

(Structure)

The Review comprises three permanent sections: scholarly articles, case notes, and book reviews.

Article 9

(Peer Review)

1. The articles submitted for publication are subject to a peer-review process following by-laws created for that purpose.



2. The peer-review process is conducted by a reviewer selected in light of her academic record in the area to which the article belongs.
3. The reviewers are drawn from a permanent pool of academics of recognized merit, external and independent.

III. Organic Provisions

Article 10 (Organs)

The organs of the CLR are the Director, the Editorial Board, and the Scientific Council.

Article 11 (Director)

1. The CLR is run by the Director of the *Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law*.
2. The Director has the following competences:
 - (a) To represent the CLR;
 - (b) To chair the Editorial Board;
 - (c) To chair the Scientific Council;
 - (d) To appoint the members of the Scientific Council;
 - (e) To appoint the members of the Editorial Board whose membership is non-automatic;
 - (f) To propose to the Scientific Council the appointment of individuals for the pool of reviewers;
 - (g) To coordinate the editorial work.



Article 12

(Editorial Board)

1. The Editorial Board is composed by the Director, the Coordinators of the Lisbon and Porto Sections of the *Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law*, and by a maximum of three further members appointed by the Director.
2. The Editorial Board has the following competences:
 - (a) To create the by-laws of the CLR;
 - (b) To establish the peer-review process;
 - (c) To define the form of publication and the manual of style;
 - (d) To set the editorial policy of the CLR;
 - (e) To conduct the entire editorial and publication process;
 - (f) To select the reviewers for the articles submitted for publication;
 - (g) To prepare the annual activity report
 - (h) To address any issues submitted to it by the Director.

Article 13

(Scientific Council)

1. The Scientific Council is chaired by the Director and comprises domestic and foreign academics of recognized merit, external and independent, appointed by him.
2. The members of the Scientific Council have a renewable term of three years.
3. The Scientific Council meets ordinarily once a year, either face-to-face or through teleconference or similar means.



4. The Scientific Council has the following competences:
- (a) To assess the organization and activity of the CLR;
 - (b) To assess the peer-review process;
 - (c) To assess the editorial strategy;
 - (d) To examine the annual activity report;
 - (e) To appoint the members of the pool of reviewers, upon the Director's proposal.

IV. Final Provisions

Article 14

(Omissions)

The Editorial Board shall decide on any issues not foreseen or defined by the present by-laws.