

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Readers,

Issue 2/2022 of “The Critique of Law” contains articles by authors from Ukraine, Vietnam and Poland. They all address important universal problems of law. The issue features several texts dealing with labour law, which we recommend in particular.

We have also included an account of the Poland-wide conference on remote hearings, which “The Critique of Law” co-organised in May this year. We are pleased to see the academic and scientific community interested in our journal continue to grow. The topic of online courts will be a recurring one in the journal. In this issue, as a ‘preview’, we are publishing a text on the judicial symbols present at e-hearings. Contributions on issues related to remote hearings are more than welcome.

Issue 4/2022 will focus entirely on judicial matters.

We would like to remind you that since we aim to disseminate research results, we very much welcome articles written in English.

We encourage authors from all over the world to share the results of their research projects with us.

We are also very grateful to the professors from Poland and abroad who have committed themselves to review the texts we receive. The submissions for each issue are reviewed by dozens of reviewers (38 so far) because in addition to positive reviews, there are also negative reviews. Those texts that need to be improved are not featured in our issues, which means that the outcomes of the efforts of many insightful reviewers – whom we wish to thank very much, also on behalf of the authors who benefit from their valuable feedback – are ‘invisible’.

20th anniversary of the KU College of Law

In the 2021/2022 academic year, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Kozminski University College of Law. The College of Law has an excellent track record consisting of many academic and teaching achievements. For instance, it has been ranked 1st in this year’s “Rzeczpospolita’s” ranking of law faculties of non-public universities in Poland. “The Critique of Law” is the College’s pride. Kozminski University is the publisher of the journal. This year we have had many conferences and meetings of great scientific importance.

We would like to take the opportunity to offer special – humorous – wishes by the director of KU Library, Piotr Walasek, PhD, in honour of the anniversary in question. Mr Walasek is a graduate of the Faculty of History at the University of Warsaw, where he defended his dissertation titled: “The Hero of the American Frontier in the Culture of the United States of the 19th Century” (2003).

At my request, Mr Walasek (I knew beforehand that he writes beautiful rhyming tales for children), wrote a number of limericks especially for the occasion.

We are publishing three of them now, dedicating them to all the lawyers who studied at KU and/or worked at the College of Law, and to all the authors who have contributed and keep on contributing to “The Critique of Law”. Also, please acknowledge the input of translator Adrian Sikora who has translated these limericks into English, even though he usually translates academic and scientific texts.

It is important even for Themis to smile once in a while. After all, everyone deserves a break from scientific work and difficult times, if only from time to time.

Limericks by Piotr Walasek, PhD, KU Library Director, written on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the College of Law (a selection)

I

May I, Your Honour? Hear my request!
And these words are not spoken in jest.
Today’s defendant, the College of Law,
Needs to be ‘punished’ with one word: bravo!

II

Lawsuits? Cases? Appeals? Proceedings?
Judgements? Mistrials? Evidence? Pleadings?
Whom should we turn to to fathom it all?
The answer is obvious: the College of Law!

III

A really good lawyer knows how the law works.
They do their job well – not just for the perks.
No loopholes are safe. A glance and they’re found.
A really good lawyer makes Themis real proud.

translation from Polish: Adrian Sikora

Yours faithfully,
Jolanta Jabłońska-Bonca
Editor-in-Chief of “The Critique of Law”