

## EDITORIAL: Corporate governance and law scholarly research

*Dear readers!*

We are pleased to present *Corporate Law & Governance Review's* second issue of 2024. This issue contains ten contributions covering a number of interesting topics. Topics covered include foreign direct investment, the public sector, factors affecting economic growth, green financial crime, intellectual property, the international court of arbitration, expansion of the European Union (EU), environmental, social, and governance (ESG), and corporate governance. These contributions are based on several locations, including Kosovo, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia.

A major theme of this issue is international trade, international law, and economic growth. For example, *Fayez Alnusair, Firas Massadeh, Ali Abdel Mahdi Massadeh, Maher Hussain Haswa, and Mahmoud Ismail* analyze how the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (known as the TRIPS Agreement) relates to international vaccine distribution. The authors conclude that changes are needed to ensure that less wealthy nations have access to vaccines in future pandemics. *Haneen Mansour Almansour* and *Mahmoud Ismail* discuss how the International Court of Arbitration has been successful at facilitating the resolution of corporate disputes within the International Chamber of Commerce. This article builds on *Angeon and Callois (2005)* and *Diemer (2014)*. *Arben Sahiti* and *Liridon Dalipi* investigate changes Kosovo has made to its legal environment to attract more foreign direct investment. The authors conclude that the changes have not been successful. Similarly, *Zahir Çerkini* and *Neshat Podvorica* analyze one company from Kosovo's experience navigating legal and constitutional regulations. These results from both of these articles can be helpful to leaders in other emerging markets as they consider changes to their legal and regulatory environments.

Two articles in this issue address the impact of corporate governance on company performance. Building on *Ahmad et al. (2021)* and *Al-Jaifi et al. (2023)*, *Khaleed Omair Alotaibi* and *Shehabaddin Abdullah Abdulwadod Al-Dubai* analyze how ESG factors interact together. Specifically, it looks at how board diversity, board independence, and gender diversity moderate the relationship between profitability and ESG performance. *Ahmad Saiful Azlin Puteh Salin, Zubaidah Ismail, and Malcolm Smith* investigate how directors' commitment to continuing education programs impacts company performance. The findings of both of these articles can be of great benefit to regulators around the world.

*Alma Paçarizi-Osmeni* and *Fadil Osmeni* expand on previous work by *Osmeni and Jusufi (2022)* and *Qorraj and Jusufi (2018)* in a paper about the expansion of the EU in the Western Balkans. This paper is likely to be of interest to leaders and regulators in other countries as the EU considers further expansion.

In addition, this issue has contributions concerning how ERP systems can improve public sector performance (*Grace Theresia Pontoh, Aini Indrijawati, Arga Bhayangkara Handayanto, Rahmawansyah Andi Tahang, and Try Sutriani Supardi*), green financial crime in Indonesia (*Sihabudin, Indah Dwi Qurbani, and Nabila Aulia Rahma*), and how Zakat distribution and other economic variables impact economic growth in Indonesia (*Nano Prawoto* and *Agus Tri Basuki*).

As you can see, there is something for everyone in this issue. Enjoy!

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