

EDITORIAL: Enhancing state and corporate governance

Dear readers!

We are delighted to present the first issue of the journal “*Corporate Law & Governance Review*” in 2025. We are happy to feature 13 articles in this issue of the journal and present insightful findings and comprehensive academic debates on a broad spectrum of topics. The authors of the articles have utilized various research methodologies, covering an extensive array of topics, such as employment and tax burden on labor, collaborative governance, trade union finance, public procurement contracts futurity, reforming the state governance, corporate legal framework, governance of administrative contracts, and artificial intelligence in corporate governance. These contributions are based on several locations, including Albania, Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, Thailand, Jordan, and UAE.

This issue begins with a significant contribution by *Merdiansa Paputungan, Setyo Widagdo, Muchamad Ali Safa’at, and Adi Kusumaningrum* who discuss state budgeting regulation and legislative framework during public health emergencies (Chandranegara & Cahyawati, 2023; Rohman et al., 2024). The paper highlights that to mitigate the impact of major shocks, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, fiscal rules must incorporate a certain level of flexibility (Bandaogo, 2020). This research employs normative legal research methods, utilizing both a statutory and conceptual approach. Looking ahead, future trends are expected to focus on adaptive policies and improved accountability.

Ruba Hmaidan, Tareq Al-Billeh, Ali Al-Hammouri, Abdulaziz Almamari, and Hamad Al Kalbani examine the legal framework for protecting well-known trademarks in Jordanian legislation and international conventions, assessing the compliance of national legislation with international requirements, where trademarks Law addresses trademark protection by prohibiting the registration of trademarks that are identical or similar to existing trademarks, or that imitate international agreements, thereby promoting foreign investment in Jordan (Al-Sarayrah, 2024; AL-Khalailah et al., 2024). This paper concludes the journal, as it discusses the significant intersection of national and international trademark protection. Moving forward, future trends are expected to focus on strengthening enforcement mechanisms, addressing challenges in digital trade.

We hope this issue provides valuable insights and inspires further discussion and research on these critical legal topics. Our deepest gratitude goes to all the authors for their exceptional contributions, which offer a diverse and thought-provoking exploration of corporate law and governance. We are confident that academics, practitioners, and legislators will find this collection to be a rich source of quality scholarship, shedding light on both familiar and emerging challenges in the field. This issue reflects the ever-evolving nature of law and government, inviting readers to engage with these articles, contribute to ongoing debates, and expand their understanding of the complex legal landscape. We encourage you to immerse yourself in these discussions and enjoy the reading!

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