## **EDITORIAL**

Otávio Morato de Andrade, Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to volume 29/2, July–December 2024, of the CAAP Journal. This is the fourth issue published under our current editorial leadership, which took office in May 2023. The edition features ten original scholarly articles, all peer-reviewed by PhD professors through a double-blind process, in addition to an exclusive interview with neuroscientist Sidarta Ribeiro.

Recently, our journal became affiliated with CrossRef and ABEC (Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors), acquiring the first Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) in its history. Thirty articles have received DOIs, covering all of issues 2023/1, 2023/2, and 2024/1. We hope to raise funds to do the same for earlier volumes. This initiative aims both to preserve the journal's archive and to make our texts more easily searchable online.

Meanwhile, new indexers have accepted CAAP Journal, expanding its reach and impact. Among them are SHERPA/RoMEO (UK), Scilit (Switzerland), Semantic Scholar (USA), MLA (USA), the Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals, Series and Publishers, and ZDB Katalog (Germany). The journal is now indexed in databases across 20 countries, all listed in the masthead of this issue as well as in the "Indexers" section on our website.

Finally, we enthusiastically welcome new members to our team. New editors have joined through a competitive selection process. The journal now has over twenty members on its Editorial Board, enabling the full operation of its four Commissions: Communication, Indexing, Review, and Editorial Processing. The Editorial Council – composed exclusively of PhD professors – has also been strengthened, now including renowned academics from international universities.

Today, CAAP Journal adheres to the highest editorial standards: it publishes biannual issues on schedule, offering carefully reviewed, edited, and typeset texts; it adopts ethical guidelines, open access policies, and digital preservation practices, and is listed in some of the world's most prestigious academic indexes.

We thus begin a new chapter in this journey, aspiring to reach an even broader audience by attracting authors, readers, and partners from across the globe. We remain committed to promoting legal scholarship and strengthening international academic exchange.

Belo Horizonte, October 2024.