

Groups and sectors of society pin all their hopes in accumulation of knowledge which allows giving solutions to the problems of a world in conflict. Experience has shown that generation of this necessary and useful knowledge should emerge from several points of view and contributions of all sectors; that is, collective construction of this knowledge should be promoted.

For this reason, tools such as release and socialization allow oxygenation of several production spaces; that is, already existing knowledge can be controversial, cleared, objected, reconstructed or supported.

Publication of our 20th issue, corresponding to the July-December 2011 period, “Opinión Jurídica” Journal wants to continue making contributions to this endless dialogue concerning the juridical field in order to open a discussion on the current theory. This issue shows 11 articles resulting from research conducted by the authors.

All articles received for this issue were evaluated by peers assigned by the Editorial Committee of our journal. Based on the evaluation of articles and recommendations made by the Editor, a decision was made to publish those articles having the best evaluation scores and were in compliance with academic requirements demanded, with the purpose of keeping a permanent improvement of our journal quality to reach a higher domestic and international acceptance, and this has up to date resulted in our journal A2 classification by COLCIENCIAS, Latindex, RedAlyc, Sociological Abstracts, Worldwide political science abstracts, PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service), EBSCO – Fuente Académica Premier, SciELO – Colombia (Scientific Electronic Library Online - Colombia), EBSCO – SocINDEX, EBSCO - Academic Search Complete, Vlex, Lex Base, CLASE, DOAJ, and DIALNET.

We are then presenting the articles of researchers Diana Fernández Mejía, María Lourdes Ramírez Torrado, Nelson Hernández Meza, Olga Cecilia Restrepo Yepes, Antonio Alejandro Barreto Moreno, Luis Carlos Plata López, Karen Isabel Cabrera Peña, Germán Burgos, Verónica María Echeverri Salazar, Laly Catalina Peralta González, Paulo Márcio Cruz, Zenildo Bodnar, Márcio Ricardo Staffen, Rafael Rubiano Muñoz, and Andrés Fernando Ramírez Gómez, with topics about public law, private law, and alternative studies of law.