

Foreword

The journal *Nowa Kodyfikacja Prawa Karnego* (New Codification of Criminal Law) has been present on the market for twenty-two years. As its scholarly editor I would like to sincerely thank the members of the Academic Committee, Editorial Team, our Publisher, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics of the University of Wrocław as well as all other people involved in the publishing process, especially our Authors and Reviewers.

Historically, the first volume of *Nowa Kodyfikacja Prawa Karnego* was published in 1997, that is the year of the adoption of new codes of laws: Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Criminal Enforcement Code. Studies published in this pioneering volume were received with great interest not only by Wrocław lawyers. Bearing in mind the huge interest in the regulations included in the new codes, in 1998 chairs of criminal law departments at the University of Wrocław came up with an initiative to continue the publication of critical analyses of the norms presented in the codes (the initiative ultimately led to the founding of a scholarly journal). It is worth mentioning the names of the founders: Prof. Leszek Bogunia — Chair of the Department of Criminal Enforcement Law (the journal's first editor-in-chief), Prof. dr hab. Marek Bojarski — Chair of the Department of Misdemeanour Law and Fiscal Criminal Law, Prof. dr hab. Tomasz Kaczmarek — Chair of the Department of Substantive Criminal Law, Prof. dr hab. Zygfryd Siwik — Chair of the Department of Criminology and Economic Criminal Law, and Prof. dr hab. Zofia Świda — Chair of the Department of Criminal Procedure. The initiative was strongly supported by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. dr hab. Zdzisław Kegel. Thus *Nowa Kodyfikacja Prawa Karnego* became a regularly published scholarly journal.

Drawing on the outstanding tradition of the Wrocław criminal law community, *Nowa Kodyfikacja Prawa Karnego* is now a recognised place for the exchange of ideas, views and experiences relating to broadly defined penal sciences, making a significant contribution to the development of these sciences. The scholarly quality of the studies presented in it, their open electronic access, editorial quality as well as the stature of the journal are all signs of a job well done. The accomplishments are source of additional pride as an expression of gratitude and continuous obligation to the founders of the journal.

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