

EDITORIAL DECISION NOTE

(English)

Editorial decision: Editorial acceptance (invited paper)

Section: International Articles (Invited Articles)

Editors-in-Chief: Katherinne Maciel / Sidney Soares Filho

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1. Editorial nature of the submission

The manuscript entitled “*Algorithmic Design, Product Liability, and the Protection of Children Online: K.G.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al. and Lessons for Brazil’s Digital ECA*”, authored by Carolina Almeida Antunes Rossini (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States) and Rafael Augusto Ferreira Zanatta (University of São Paulo, Brazil), is part of the *International Articles (Invited Articles)* section of *Pensar – Journal of Legal Sciences*.

The contribution originated from a formal editorial invitation extended by the Editor-in-Chief on 14/02/2026 to Professor Carolina Rossini, following her participation in the Brazilian podcast *O Assunto*, in which she addressed the trial of major technology platforms and the legal responsibility associated with algorithmic design. Given the international relevance and timeliness of the theme, the invitation was extended with the aim of fostering scientific exchange and strengthening the international circulation of legal scholarship. Professor Rossini accepted the invitation and subsequently invited Professor Rafael Zanatta as co-author, integrating Brazilian and North American perspectives on the topic.

It is emphasized that this section has its own editorial regime and does not replace the journal’s regular peer-review flow for manuscripts submitted through continuous submission.

2. Editorial procedure adopted

Due to its specific editorial nature as an invited contribution, the manuscript was not submitted to the ordinary peer-review process, in accordance with this section’s editorial policy.

The article was assessed directly by the scientific editorial team, considering:

- alignment with the journal’s scope and thematic axes;
- academic relevance and topicality of the subject;
- scholarly contribution to contemporary legal debate, particularly in the fields of digital law, product liability, and the protection of children and adolescents;



- theoretical consistency and methodological adequacy of the comparative analysis between *K.G.M. v. Meta* and Brazil's Digital Statute of Children and Adolescents (Law 15.211/2025);
- ethical and editorial compliance.

Throughout the editorial process, multiple rounds of communication were conducted with the authors in order to align the manuscript with the journal's editorial guidelines, normative standards, and formatting requirements. Following the editorial invitation issued on 14/02/2026, the article was formally received on 19/04/2026 and accepted on 22/04/2026, having been deemed suitable for publication and forwarded to technical review, copyediting/standardization, and editorial production stages.

3. Originality check

The article underwent an originality check using **Crossref Similarity Check (iThenticate)**, resulting in a similarity index of **27%**, which was qualitatively assessed by the editorial team.

The analysis indicated that matches are predominantly related to properly referenced quotations, citations of statutory provisions and judicial decisions (such as Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, Brazilian Law 15.211/2025, and the U.S. case law cited throughout the article), technical and doctrinal expressions characteristic of the field, and standard academic elements. No evidence of scientific misconduct, plagiarism, or improper appropriation of third-party content was identified.

4. Final editorial decision

Considering the invited nature of the contribution, its scholarly relevance, the timeliness of its theme, and its compliance with the journal's editorial and ethical guidelines, the Editors-in-Chief resolved to grant **FINAL ACCEPTANCE** of the article for publication in *Pensar – Journal of Legal Sciences*, under the continuous publication model, with DOI <https://doi.org/10.5020/2317-2150.2026.16796>.

The publication of invited papers follows internationally recognized editorial practices and is used judiciously as an instrument to enhance academic quality and strengthen the journal's internationalization.

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