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This volume of the RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review seeks to further the journal's legacy as a trusted platform for innovative and scholarly contributions in the field of commercial law. By embracing contemporary themes, this issue aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of emerging trends and critical developments across corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, competition, banking, finance, taxation, and other pivotal domains of financial and mercantile laws.

The Editorial Board aspires to stimulate insightful discourse by featuring doctrinal and empirical analyses from a diverse array of authors, including seasoned practitioners, academics, and students. With a commitment to maintaining rigorous academic standards, the volume strives to not only document legal progress but also to inspire reformative and forward-looking approaches that can shape the evolving business and legal landscapes.

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