On 15th December 2013, at 1:50 a.m., Carlos Alberto Alvaro de Oliveira, Full Professor of Civil Procedure at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul—UFRGS), passed away. Born in Rio Grande, a town in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, on 14th October 1942, Alvaro de Oliveira held a post-doctorate degree from the Università La Sapienza, of Rome, Italy, where he was also a Visiting Professor, and a PhD in law from the University of São Paulo (Universidade de São Paulo—USP). Besides being a practising lawyer, Carlos Alberto Alvaro de Oliveira also sat as a judge in the Rio Grande do Sul State Court of Appeals. Certainly one of the great legal minds of his generation, Alvaro de Oliveira produced an intense, continuous and brilliant oeuvre, and achieved both national and international recognition as a legal scholar.

Carlos Alberto Alvaro de Oliveira joined the Law School at UFRGS via public examinations in 1990, having become the Full Professor of Civil Procedure, also through public exams, in 1996. He retired in 2011. At the School, Alvaro de Oliveira created the Graduate Diploma in Civil Procedure and supported the creation of the PhD in Law program, which roots can be traced back to the master’s degree program implemented by Professor Clóvis do Couto e Silva. Alvaro de Oliveira successfully advised, during his time at the post-graduate program between 2000 and 2011, thirteen PhD and thirty six master’s degree candidates.

In addition to numerous essays published in multiple languages, Alvaro de Oliveira published the books Alienação da Coisa Litigiosa (1984, 2. Ed., Rio de Janeiro, Forense, 1986), Do Formalismo no Processo Civil – Proposta de um Formalismo-Valorativo (1997, 4. Ed., São Paulo, Saraiva, 2010), A Tutela de Urgência e o Direito de Família (São Paulo, Saraiva, 1998) e Teoria e Prática da Tutela Jurisdicional (Rio de Janeiro, Forense, 2008). In 2007, a Spanish version of his doctoral thesis was published under the title Del Formalismo en el Proceso Civil – Propuesta de un Formalismo-Valorativo (translated by Juan José Monroy Palacios, Lima, Palestra), and in 2013, an Italian version was also presented to the public (Il Formalismo nel


A member of the International Association of Procedural Law (IAPL), the Instituto Iberoamericano de Direito Processual (IIDP), and the Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Processual (IBDP), Alvaro de Oliveira leaves his second wife, Christine Klein de Oliveira, his six children from his first marriage Luís Arthur, Christine, Karla, Carlos Alberto Júnior, Michele Carlos, and twelve grandchildren and a great-grandson.