

The Accommodation of the Western Legislation for the Plurality of Beliefs in the Field of Family Law.

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In the last several years, the European societies, that in their majority were fairly uniform as far as race, culture or religion, have been converted into intercultural places where many different visions of the world live together. Together with a factor of exogenous plurality, produced by the increase in immigration, an internal desegregation should also be highlighted in our own societies. The result is that we find living, in the same juridical place, people with very different convictions such as agnostics, Catholics that following the teachings of the Church, Muslims of distinct tendencies, Protestants, Jehovah witnesses, etc. In this new environment of diversity, it is without a doubt, difficult for the Law to accommodate all the different ethical, religious or cultural demands of the people.

In my paper I will study the means of accommodation rooted in our legal tradition, with reference to the following issue

- a) From the conscientious objection” to the legally protected “conscientious option.”
- b) The agreements of the State with religious groups as a means of accommodation
- c) Mediation and arbitration as a way of accommodation of plurality in the field of Family Law.