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Transparency and Legal Certainty in Public Administration: The Preventive Role of Administrative Documentation and Oversight

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Abstract

Transparency and legal certainty are fundamental principles of good governance and effective public administration. They play a crucial role in strengthening public trust, ensuring accountability, and enhancing the legitimacy of governmental action. In many administrative systems, weak documentation practices and unclear procedures contribute to legal uncertainty, administrative disputes, and reduced confidence in public institutions.

This paper examines the relationship between transparency and legal certainty in public administration, with particular emphasis on the preventive role of administrative documentation and oversight mechanisms. It analyzes how clear procedures, properly documented administrative acts, and effective control mechanisms can reduce arbitrariness, prevent disputes, and protect individuals' rights in their interactions with public authorities.

Adopting an analytical approach supported by practical legal experience, the study explores the main challenges facing public administration in implementing transparency, including procedural complexity, institutional resistance, and the growing impact of digital transformation. The paper argues that reinforcing transparency and legal certainty is not only a legal obligation but also a strategic necessity for building efficient, accountable, and citizen-oriented public administration systems.

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