

EDITORS' NOTE

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I am delighted to present to you, the reader, the fifteenth edition of the *Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR)* with its Special Section on 'Social Justice and COVID-19'. This year's Annual Edition, together with the developments made during the year, is a testament to the growth, resilience, and adaptability of this student-driven initiative especially during these turbulent times. This year has also been one of reflection and remembrance as we publish this edition in tribute to the late Professor Christof Heyns whose instrumentality in the establishment of the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) has brought us to where we are today. Fourteen years since its inception and the *PSLR* still continues to grow and evolve whilst remaining true to its thriving legacy in fostering excellence and innovation through legal writing. This publication's uniqueness is also presented through its diverse contributions all addressing contemporary societal and legal issues under a broad range of legal disciplines.

In an era of many continued 'firsts', the *PSLR* has strived to build on the legacy of its predecessors by expanding on the Journal's visibility and accessibility. The *PSLR*'s digital presence has now grown substantially leading to an increase in quality submissions from institutions across the country. This year, the *PSLR* launched its first independent website and developed an official logo for the Journal and its online platforms. Authors are now able to submit their papers through the Open Journals System platform, track their workflow, manage their submissions, and submit at any time outside of the *PSLR*'s official call for submissions. We can firmly submit that we have, in pursuance of being a DHET accredited journal, fulfilled the standards set out by the Department of Higher Education and Training. Many thanks are extended to Makone Maja for developing

the website. Your patience, guidance, and geniality are truly appreciated. Thank you also to Jakolien Strydom and ClickCreate for your charitable assistance in developing and designing the logo.

To the authors, this year has, in many respects, been challenging with many of those challenges affecting students directly. We appreciate the dedicated efforts put into your submissions and your wholehearted cooperation throughout the entire process. Much appreciation is also extended to the reviewers who have selflessly committed to assisting the *PSLR* during the peer-review process. To all of the reviewers, your input, guidance, and recommendations are greatly appreciated.

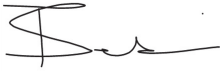
To our Guardian, Ilana le Roux, your unwavering support towards the journal and Editorial Board has been both motivating and heart-warming. Thank you for your always putting the well-being of the Board first and for guiding us through all of our endeavours. To Adelaide Chagopa, I could not have asked for a better Senior Editor. You have approached every task (and hurdle) with an inspiring sense of determination. Your genuity and humorous anecdotes have kept the team connected and your efforts are appreciated immensely. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Editorial Board. To Dr Ntandokayise Ndlovu, Ntando Sindane, Marno Swart, Odirile Matladi, Khalipha Shange, Cebolenkosi Ramaube, and MP Fourie, I am eternally grateful for your dedicated efforts and immense contribution towards publishing the journal. Your commitment, diligence, and drive have not gone unrecognised.

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To my family, without your sacrifices, inspiration, and drive, I would not be where I am today, and I never take for granted how blessed I am for your presence and loving guidance. Thank you for your encouragement and silent prayers.

To quote Chinua Achebe, 'a good writer does not need be told anything except to keep at it'. As future leaders and trailblazers in the legal profession, your insight and perspectives are invaluable. I therefore implore all aspiring authors to carve out every opportunity to write. Please visit our website for more information on the *PSLR* and on how to make a submission.

I trust you, the reader, will enjoy and benefit from reading the publication

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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