

## EDITORS' NOTE

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It is a pleasure you present to you the 2024 edition of the Pretoria Student Law Review. This journal comes at a time when young academic voices are essential and when African literature is becoming increasingly important. As one of the few student-led journals in South Africa, the PSLR plays an important role in both the University of Pretoria and the South African legal fraternity by providing a platform where budding authors can contribute meaningfully to legal discourse, bridging the gap between studentship and scholarly research. This is exactly what the articles in this edition exemplify. It comprises five articles whose topics range from artificial intelligence and climate change to international law and case analysis.

To the authors, thank you for your patience and your fortitude throughout this process. It is not easy to write and publish; your courage to submit, correct and re-correct has led to the amazing submissions that make up this edition. Your understanding as the journal went through changes did not go unnoticed, and for that, thank you once again.

Much like every young journal, the journey to publication was not linear. It came with many challenges and but even more successes. These successes would to have been possible without a strong team with a unified vision around me. For this, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Faculty of Law and the Pretoria University Law Press, who continue to support this journal as it continues to grow year on year. To the guardians, Dr Jooste and Dr Magau. Your strong commitment to the journal and the endless hours you sacrificed to make sure that this edition came to fruition are greatly appreciated. To my predecessors, Lisa Ndyulo and Eric Geldenhuys, for your

continued belief in and your forward-looking vision to evolve the PSLR. Your involvement in the journal and advice even past your tenure is a testament to the passion you have for this journal. Thank you. To the senior editors Jolanda Pretorius and Robin Zeelie, for stepping in to fill essential roles on the board and for being a structure that was not only a sound board for the multiple ideas I had for the journal but also helped bring them to life. To the 2024 editorial board, for staying the course. Your steadfastness and willingness to be an integral part of the journal are the reason why this edition is being published.

Stepping into the role of Editor-in-Chief was not an easy transition. It came with many unknowns. It would be amiss for me to say that I am where I am today without my family. When I first took up this position, you were the first people to be in my corner, and you have never left that corner. It is your sustained support and love that helped me through the difficult times, and your joy that helped me relish the good times. More specifically, I would like to thank my grandmother, who continuously cheers for me even when she is unsure what she is cheering for. I hope I continue to make you proud. To my mother, for the endless hours you spent on the phone giving me advice and encouragement. You are an inspiration to me, and I hope my actions are a reflection of all the good that you have poured into me. Thank you.

As the journal grows, it is my belief that so too will the variety of articles and authors. For now, it is my sincere hope that every reader enjoys the articles in this journal and gains valuable insights into the topics presented by the authors, who bring with them a strong African perspective from three different countries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Nduku', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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