

## EDITORS' NOTE

Who wants to become a writer? And why? Because it's the answer to everything ... It's the streaming reason for living. To note, to pin down, to build up, to create, to be astonished at nothing, to cherish the oddities, to let nothing go down the drain, to make something, to make a great flower out of life, even if it is a cactus. Enid Bagnold

Words fail to describe what an honour it has been to have been part of the ninth edition of the *Pretoria Student Law Review*. The sense of satisfaction is overwhelming in this being the third edition I have had the privilege to be a part of. Having spent three years as part of this publication I cannot begin to describe and expand upon all that I have learnt in this time, but one thing which I guarantee is the bright and prosperous future of the legal profession of South Africa. With each successive edition I see a thirst and hunger for knowledge from law students, each year those yearnings becoming more intense and providing us with the most thought provoking and well-founded articles. The desire to challenge the *status quo*, to reject the notions of complacency and outright refusal of facile thought is truly something all these writers should be proud of and us along with them. To read and to write is the essence of not only thought, but of life itself.

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The edition this year covers many different topics in the legal realm; Adebayo Okeowo writes about the use of force during peaceful protests in Nigeria, Nicole King discusses the effect of South African media upon HIV/AIDS awareness, Tamryn Gorman expands into 'rainbow theory' and the constant tension between substantive and formal equality in the new constitutional dispensation, Sewela Masie & Kaitlin Morris discuss liability in Space Law, Marko Svcevic and Antjie Krog's globally renowned novel *Country of my skull* and the application of African Jurisprudence thereto, Sarah Hartman devolves

into how the patriarchal society has created the ‘irrational’ woman, Romy-Anne Templeton dissects socio-economic rights jurisprudence in the case of *Coughlan NO v Road Accident Fund*, JJ van der Walt and the impossibility of being lost in transformation and Devon-Lee Andries’ article regarding how law influences society, identity of feminism. I thank each of these writers for providing us with these wonderful articles and for choosing the *PSLR* as their platform for their thoughts and writings.

I once again emphasise what a pleasure it has been to have been a part of this publication for the last three years. Being able to work with such bright and talented individuals and being exposed to such an array of different topics and schools of thought is something I shall forever cherish. I encourage you all to continue reading and writing, to expand your minds and question everything around you. It is only through reading, writing, rereading and rewriting that we come to find ourselves and who we are, not only as legal scholars and professionals, but as individuals. So please, I encourage you to constantly expand your minds and challenge all that is in front of you, for it is the only way we can grow and ensure a prosperous and bright future for us all.

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