

EDITORS' NOTE

The Editorial Board of the *Pretoria Student Law Review* has the pleasure of presenting to you the second edition of this publication. The first edition is available on our website. When we began this process two years ago, we could not have anticipated the overwhelmingly positive response that we would enjoy, or that we would receive articles from students based thousands of miles away.

From our side, we continue to strive to make this student-driven initiative as successful and far-reaching as possible. Copies of the journal have been distributed to judges, law firms and universities across the country, as well as to students across the continent. Within the Faculty, we are working on developing an interactive website for the journal, and offering writing workshops to students to develop the essential writing skills that every legal practitioner needs.

The articles in this edition cover a wide array of topics, ranging from legal philosophy to strictly black-letter law. Delving into the philosophies of the law and the way in which they are applied, the notions of truth and justice are scrutinised, with suggestions on how it may be improved. The question of the extent of the vicarious liability of the Minister of Safety and Security is raised, with reference to the case law on the topic. A comparative analysis of intellectual property law from different jurisdictions is undertaken in this relatively new branch of the law. As for commercial law, matters such as the duties of directors in a company, documentary letters of credit, and the 'advantage to creditors' requirement in insolvency law are critically examined. These topics are all highly relevant in the present legal arena.

South Africa, the continent and the world at large are on the cusp of a new era – socially, economically and politically. With the uncertainties that the future holds, we as law students have a duty to utilise the unique position that we are in to challenge the *status quo*. University is about more than an academic transcript. We must not be complacent. We must strive for the enforcement of the rule of law. We must question why. We must demand answers. And we must be relentless in our search for truth and justice. The *Pretoria Student Law Review* provides a forum for critical thinking, argument and debate. We look forward to hearing what you have to say!