

EDITORS' NOTE

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It is our great honour to present to our readers the sixteenth edition of the *Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR)* and its special section on 'Law and Technology'. The *PSLR* is a journal published under the auspice of the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), and we are proud to be a student-driven journal.

In recent years, the various editorial boards of the *PSLR* have frequently had to question our journal's role, purpose and direction. This year was no different. In the process of continuously re-evaluating ourselves and evolving to best cater to the demands of our readers and authors, certain aspects of the fibre of the *PSLR* have been distilled: First, we are a student-driven journal, providing a platform where early career academics, young practitioners and students alike may hone their writing skills and constructively express their views in a formal and high-quality journal. Of this characteristic we are immensely proud – we believe that the *PSLR* plays a vital role as one of only a handful of student-driven journals on the continent. Secondly, we are an African centred law journal – that is we are shaped, built and published within the context of Africa. We are proud to boast various contributions in this edition from around South Africa and Africa in this edition, including Ghana, Mauritius, Zimbabwe and Zambia. And thirdly, we are a generalist journal publishing on a wide variety of topics ensuring that any student may present their article to our publication for consideration.

As with any undertaking of this scale, this publication did not see the light without some difficulties. Chief among these was securing peer-reviewers to evaluate the contributions submitted to ensure our publication was of superior quality. It is a fact that academics at the

University of Pretoria, and our neighbouring universities, were hard-pressed in 2022. The return to contact teaching in the middle of the year and adapting to a post-COVID world has not been without its challenges. Like many others, this journal is built on a foundation of goodwill. With editors, peer-reviewers and technical teams working tirelessly to ensure this publication is made possible.

In 2022, the *PSLR* also set out to become a more prominent presence on campus, collaborating with the UP Legal Shebeen and offering a writing workshop for students. These are collaborations that we hope to build upon to ensure that all law students benefit from the creative, knowledge-generating platform the *PSLR* presents.

We hope that the future editorial boards will continue to think about the role of the *PSLR* and strive to ensure that we remain an evolving and relevant platform where students can express their thoughts, develop their writing abilities, and learn to present arguments in a logical, well-structured and authoritative manner. We also hope that future editorial boards will learn from our triumphs and mistakes and maintain the fibre of the *PSLR*.

The publication and success of this journal are not ours but that of a whole community of people, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to them:

To our authors for their ideas, hard work and bravery. We realise how daunting it is to submit your work – of which you are so proud – to be scrutinised and criticised. Without your contributions, dedication and zeal, we would have no journals, no ideas, and no progress. Continue to write, and allow yourselves to be proud of this fine achievement.

To the peer-reviewers without whom we could not ensure the quality of this work. Thank you for taking the time to give back, cultivate young minds and ensure this edition's excellence. We value your contributions immensely.

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We hope that you will enjoy this edition of the *PSLR*, and may the journal continue to thrive!

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