

2018 SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION Legal Essay Writing COMPETITION



Honouring the legacy of the late Chief Justice Pius Langa

JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS

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OF SOUTH AFRICA'S LEGAL GIANTS

The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) is engaging young legal minds in generating innovative ideas on issues of law reform. Guided by the wish to honour a range of South African legal achievers, the SALRC is relaunching the legal essay writing competition originally named in honour of the first Chief Justice of the democratic era, Justice Ismail Mahomed. From 2018, the renamed South African Law Reform Legal Writing Competition will celebrate the contributions of legal luminaries who have dedicated their lives to the advancement of our constitutional democracy.

The 2018 season is dedicated to the memory of the late **Chief Justice Pius Nkonzo Langa** who served South Africa with dignity and distinction. After obtaining B. Juris and LLB degrees from the University of South Africa, Pius Langa started his career as a Messenger of the Court, became a Court Interpreter and then later a Magistrate. He was admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa in 1977. His commitment to justice and the law saw him championing many human rights causes.

Justice Langa was one of the first judges appointed to the Constitutional Court of South Africa and played a crucial role in drafting the current Constitution. He became the Constitutional Court's Deputy President and in November 2001, Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa. In 2005 Justice Langa became Chief Justice and Head of the Constitutional Court until he retired in 2009. Justice Langa's legacy of legal excellence continues to shine as a beacon for future generations of South African legal scholars, practitioners and jurists.

**Rewarding original thinking in law reform – Prizes worth R70 000
to be won by LLB & LLM students**

Drawing on the inspirational legacy of Justice Pius Langa, the South African Law Reform Commission in partnership with sponsor Juta Law invites ALL law students studying towards an LLB or LLM at a South African University to submit their innovative ideas championing law reform issues to the 2018 South African Law Reform Commission Legal Essay Writing Competition.

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Join the ranks of legal scholars destined to play a future role in shaping our country's evolving jurisprudence by entering this prestigious competition and stand a chance of winning a share of R70,000 worth of prizes!

2018 SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM ESSAY COMPETITION



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

- The South African Law Reform Essay Competition encourages critical legal writing by students while generating new ideas for law reform. These ideas should be aligned to South Africa's priorities as a developmental state and be aimed at keeping the law abreast of developments in society and in tune with the needs of South Africa's diverse population and national policy priorities.
- Essays can be on any topic relating to the modernisation, improvement, development or reform of any aspect, area or branch of South African law.
- Entries should be in English and must be 4000 to 6000 words in length.
- The competition will be judged by a panel appointed by the South African Law Reform Commission.
- The winners and supervising lecturers, as well as runners-up, will be hosted at a function sponsored by the South African Law Reform Commission.

ABOUT THE PRIZES

- Winners of the LLB and LLM categories win a R20,000 cash prize each.
- The supervisors and law faculties of the 1st prize winners will receive a Juta Law credit voucher to the value of R2,500 each.
- Runners-up in the LLB and LLM categories win a R10,000 cash prize each.

- The judges reserve the right not to award a prize if entries are not of a suitable standard.

WHO CAN ENTER?

- The competition is divided into two categories and is open to registered LLB and LLM students respectively at a South African University or tertiary institution, in any year of study.
- Abridged versions of completed Masters dissertations will also be accepted.
- PhD students are not eligible to enter.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- The sponsor of the prize reserves the right to submit the winning essays for possible publication and to feature them on Juta websites or social media platforms.
- Essays received should be in the house style ordinarily required by the University's law faculty or the house style of the South African Law Journal.
- Entries must be submitted in English.
- The judges reserve the right not to award a prize if entries are not of a suitable standard.
- Individually authored essays only. No co-authored essay will be accepted.
- The decision of the judges is final.

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY 31ST JANUARY 2019 TO:

The Assistant Secretary, South African Law Reform Commission, Private Bag X668, Pretoria, 0001 or email mmfunzana@justice.gov.za.

Visit www.jutalaw.co.za for further details.