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INVITATION TO ENTER THE 2009 ISMAIL MAHOMED LAW REFORM ESSAY COMPETITION

The South African Law Reform Commission, in partnership with Juta, once again invites law faculties and all LLB and LLM students to participate in the Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition for 2009. The purpose of the Competition, named in honour of the late Chief Justice and former Chairperson of the South African Law Reform Commission, is to encourage critical legal writing by students while generating ideas for law reform which are aligned to South Africa's priorities as a developmental state.

The Competition is open to all LLB and LLM students registered at a South African university. The prizes for this year's Competition include a laptop valued at R15 000; a credit voucher valued at R15 000; a year's subscription to the South African Law Reports 1947 to date on CD ROM; a 12 month subscription to Juta's Statutes and Regulations of South Africa on CD ROM; Juta's Statutes in print; and a credit voucher to the value of R1 500.

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 be between 4000 and 6000 words in length. Abbreviated versions of completed Masters dissertations will also be accepted. The essays will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the South African Law Reform Commission.

The winner and the supervising lecturer, as well as the runner-up, will be hosted at a function sponsored by the South African Law Reform Commission at which occasion the prizes will be awarded.

Entries for the Competition should be submitted not later than 30 November 2009 to:

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