

Foreword

13 years ago, when I began my scholastic pursuits as a student of law, it was made immediately apparent to me, that, to make a worthwhile impact in any field of expertise, a well curated body of written scholarship was critical. Years later, when my pursuit to make an impactful contribution to the legal realm found me lecturing at the Strathmore Law School (SLS), I was able to be in company of some brilliant intellectuals; one of whom must duly be mentioned and credited for ideating the Strathmore Law Review (SLR). Professor Franceschi, a luminary in his own right, conceived a brilliant notion – to forge a student law review; a crucible wherein students could refine, scrutinise, and proffer their literary creations. It was created with the absolute cognisance of the importance of collecting and collating legal academic work. What is more, the journal, as it still is, was predicated on being a ‘student edited/peer reviewed’ journal, thus opening the opportunity for students to be at the forefront of the editorial process. Thusly then, the SLR became SLS’s flagship student-edited journal.

Since then, the SLR has continuously and arduously worked at achieving the very goals that were envisioned by Professor Franceschi. The journal has consistently provided budding scholars a very proficient platform to showcase the various academic talents they possess. But perhaps more importantly, it gives fellow African authors a golden opportunity to exhibit the African viewpoints on intricate legal subjects. It is undoubtedly a beacon of illustration, confidently highlighting that the African continent can and is, at the very forefront of academic dissemination. The contributions that grace the pages of this edition of the SLR serve as further credence to that fact.

I would be remiss to continue without stating, that the work that makes up this year’s edition of the journal, are the fruits of labour, the collective toil, and dedication of a conscientious student-led editorial cadre. And thus, one must hasten to give credit where it is due, to the very able team of editors, without whom this physical manifestation of literary scholarship would not exist. Equally, one must recognise that this law journal is the culmination of the tireless exertions of authors from across the globe; a group of people who have ventured forth

to share their insights with a wider audience. Their aim to either to persuade, to dissuade, or to edify the learned and the neophytes who will come across their work. It is, indeed, the quintessence of a law review, facilitating the transmission of scholarly notions via the written word. A medium that, as Chief Justice Willy Mutunga has opined, plays an indomitable role in ameliorating the landscape of legal pedagogy.

Finally, to the readers who peruse these pages in the eighth volume of the SLR, I am filled with honour that you can do so. Continue your journey of discovery, and as you flip through the pages of this edition, know that the pages you scroll through were once meticulously scrutinised by a team of editors who worked tirelessly, carefully, and industrially. This is, by no measure, a mean feat.

I end with this: within the realm of legal academia, voices find resonance, ideas find form, and intellect finds expression. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to witness the growth of the SLR. And lastly, it is indeed our collective duty to register our gratitude to the SLR – for it is indubitably a center of excellence.

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