Launch of the 2014 Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition

The Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition was launched at the magnificent SLTSA gala dinner by Jennifer Joni from the South African Law Reform Commission’s (SALRC). The competition ran by SALRC and Juta encourages students to explore issues of law reform in a formal written essay. Juta Law has been the proud sponsor of the competition since its inception in 1999.

Jennifer Joni from the South African Law Reform Commission stated that “the Competition is aimed at encouraging critical legal writing by students, while generating new innovative ideas for the reform of the law. It also seeks to encourage legal scholarship and public dialogue on the link between law reform, human rights and the rule of law.”

The competition is open to all LLB and LLM students that are registered at a South African University. Students are required to write an essay which is judged by a panel appointed by the SALRC, who will then select the winning essay. Various legal minds assist the SALRC in assessing the essays, such as Deans of Law Faculties and judges from the Constitutional Court.

2013 marked the 10th anniversary of the competition since 1999. The SALRC used 2013 as a marker to reflect on the competition and concluded that the competition is crucial as there is a need for students to be encouraged to be involved in the law reform process and build a cadre of law reformers.

Legal writing is critical for any career choice that the students may choose when they complete their studies. We need to assist the students to acquire the skill of writing critical essays while they are still at university. In 2014 Juta and the SALRC would like to see greater involvement of faculty members in the competition.

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Entries close end of September 2014

The individual winners and runners-up in the LLB and LLM categories stand to win:
• A voucher to the value of R20,000

OR
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• A voucher to the value of R10,000 each

OR
• A one-year subscription to Juta’s Statutes and Regulations of South Africa on CD-ROM

The winners’ supervisors and the law faculties to which they belong will each receive a book voucher valued at R2 500.

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