

# Editorial

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“It is what you read when you don’t have to that determines what you will be when you can’t help it.” - Oscar Wilde

It is with this in mind that the *De Jure* editorial board is proud to present the second volume for 2012. Over the past two years we have witnessed the awe inspiring power of the revolutionary use of information through social networking. We have seen it used to create social awareness, to highlight the plight of many previously silent martyrs and we have seen it topple oppressive institutions one after the other. Naturally, this is to be celebrated.

However, we as a society have gradually become accustomed to having information fed to us in small, digestible packets. This is a sorry state of affairs and it increasingly affects the younger academic community in particular. Therefore, it is heartening to be able to present a volume such as this with such a wide variety of excellent contributions. The articles, case discussions and notes contained in this volume are as diverse as the field of law itself. There is truly something of interest for every reader.

With the continued success of our open access website *De Jure* can play a crucial part in making relevant, high quality information available to all. This form of information dissemination supports the culture of wide reading and vibrant discussion that is crucial to South Africa’s legal development

As a nation we have had an eventful year. Our justice system has proven itself to be continually independent and reliable.

As legal professionals and academics we are continually responsible for our own furthered education and self improvement. We need to become persistent scholars in an attempt to keep up with the ever changing legal arena we choose to participate in. Therefore I agree with Oscar Wilde, that those things we read, as part of self improvement and not just as part of necessary education are the things that will define us, and in turn define the justice system we are responsible for.

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