

Editorial

In the third year of adopting continuous publication in 2019 to the future and the year coming to a halt, *De Jure Law Journal* has a pleasure in presenting volume 54 of 2021. Achieving this task was not an easy journey bearing in mind the challenges posed by COVID-19 across the globe, but we managed to pull this volume with success. As a *Journal* we are still committed and remain resolute to deliver cutting edge research outputs, despite facing the challenges imposed by the pandemic. The contributors/authors have once again paved the way for interesting discussions on a wide variety of topics based on both domestic and international laws. This includes the following themes: Criminal and Civil Procedure; Banking law; Competition and Intellectual Property law; Property law; Labour law Gender based Violence (GBV) which has been described as a second pandemic in South Africa due to its severe impact in society; Human Rights; Food Security; Tax law and regulations; African Customary law; Family law; Children's Rights and Protection; International law; Access to Justice; and last but not least the impact of COVID-19 in society. The *Journal* also published a special edition titled: Implementing regional human rights standards in East and West Africa, which affirms the commitment of the *Journal* to Africa focus while drawing lessons from local and international perspectives.

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