Deadline Extension for the call for Nominations for an Honouree for the South African Law Reform Commission Legal Essay Writing Competition

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The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) invites nominations for the next judge or legal luminary (*posthumously*) to be honoured through the SALRC Legal Essay Writing Competition from the 2025 edition of the competition for a pre-determined period.

The Legal Essay Writing Competition was established in 1999 by the SALRC. It is targeted at students studying for a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or Master of Laws (LLM) degrees at South African universities. Students' essays are invited to provide an opportunity to contribute to legal reform in various topics from a student's lens. In partnership with Juta & Co, the winning essays are published in a special edition covering winning essays over a period of 10 years.

The competition commenced in 1999 as the Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Writing Competition in honour of the late Chief Justice and former Chairperson of the SALRC, Justice Ismail Mahomed. The Commission uses the competition as the vehicle to honour judges who have contributed to South Africa's democracy. Over the past decade, the competition was dedicated to honouring the late Chief Justice Pius Nkonzo Langa's contribution to South Africa's democracy and the judiciary, with the 2024 season being the last year.

Nomination Requirements:

- The nominee must be a judge who has demonstrated outstanding service to the judiciary and the legal profession and/or;
- Advancement of constitutionalism in South Africa, the region and globally.

A detailed biography, motivation for the nomination and an acceptance/permission of the nomination from the honouree's family must be sent via e-mail to RiNdhambi@justice.gov.za and copy Reform@justice.gov.za

Any queries can be sent to Ms Aifheli Dzebu on 012 622 6334 or ADzebu@justice.gov.za.

Closing date: 31 January 2026

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