



Dear SASLAW member,

On behalf of SASLAW's national and regional committees, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support during 2010.

SASLAW has grown tremendously this year – we have 733 members, 29 seminars / workshops were held around the country attracting a total of 1217 delegates, 203 delegates attended our national conference in Cape Town, and we are receiving on average 550 visits to our website per month. All of these are statistical records for SASLAW.

More importantly, however, this year has seen SASLAW make great strides in becoming a more significant policy driven organisation. We have, during the course of the year, nominated and supported the candidature of judges (including Mlambo JP), submitted comments on draft legislation, held workshops to consider amendments to the Labour Court Rules, implemented a *pro bono* pilot project at the Durban Labour Court, held a meeting with the director of the CCMA, and interacted regularly with judges of the LAC and Labour Court.

If we were to pick one highlight in 2010 that illustrates the strides that SASLAW has made, it would be the fact that Mlambo JP, Waglay DJP, Davis JA, Steenkamp J and Van Niekerk J all attended our national conference and / or annual dinner.

In line with our continuing objective of becoming a more significant organisation, we have worked hard in attracting a mix of skills and attributes to the national committee. We have also developed these portfolios for each member of the national committee: national president (Anton Myburgh SC); finance, corporate governance and marketing (Tanya Venter); national conference (Prof Marylyn Christianson); *pro bono* project (Bradley Conradie); Labour Court liaison and rules (Shamima Gaibie); CCMA liaison and rules (Shanta Reddy); and legislation (Hermann Nieuwoudt).

We are also pleased to have attracted well respected labour lawyers to head up each of our regional chapters in 2010/11 – Nick Robb (Gauteng), Alex Rocher (KwaZulu-Natal), Francois Le Roux (Eastern Cape) and Hermann Nieuwoudt (Western Cape).

2011 holds in store two very exciting projects for SASLAW. The first is that we have decided to hold our 2011 national conference in Port Elizabeth for the first time ever. The second is that we are at present involved in developing a *pro bono* pilot project at the Labour Court in Johannesburg. We hope to implement it early in the new year, with the objective being to have a country-wide *pro bono* programme up and running by the end of 2011.

We wish you all a good holiday and a happy and prosperous 2011.

Kind regards,

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