

Introduction

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The first edition of the second volume of the *Namibia Law Journal* marks the beginning of its second year in existence. This is good news for a small country like Namibia. From the letters and proposed articles on the Editor-in-Chief's table, it is clear that the *NLJ* is becoming a household name in African legal circles and well known internationally.

This edition expresses these sentiments. **Judge (Dr) Onkemetse Tshosa** of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Tribunal and Visiting Scholar at Fordham Law School, New York, contributes to the debate on the incorporation of international law in Namibian domestic law; **Dunia Prince Zongwe**, an LLB cum laude University of Namibia (UNAM) alumnus currently doing his doctorate at Cornell, contributes an article on the *Campbell* case decided by the SADC Tribunal; while **Francois Bangamwabo** and **Clever Mapaure** weigh the controversial section 66(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (No. 32 of 1944) against the Namibian Constitution. There is also an article on migration policies in the United Kingdom and the European Union by **Prof. Virginia Mantouvalou** of Leicester University (with a postscript by the Editor-in-Chief on the Zimbabwean issue), whereas **Prof. Manfred Hinz** uses the recent German elections to look at the changed responsibility the German Constitutional Court assigns to the Government to take care of its subjects. Comparing South Africa and Namibia with Germany, Hinz alerts us that the development of social rights has just begun.

While the journal is brimful of interesting articles, it remains a concern for the Editorial Board that the contributors are still legal scholars. While we have already received several articles for the next edition, the practitioners remain silent. I trust that 2010 will be flooded with articles written from the point of view of practical experience in the field.

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