

EDITORIAL

The year 2011 saw the birth of the *ELSA Malta Law Review*, a student-edited and peer-reviewed law journal published by the *European Law Students' Association Malta* (ELSA). Throughout the years the law journal has gained increased credibility and the support of many law students, legal practitioners and academics in the legal field and has indeed become a point of reference for legal minds across the European continent.

As the fifth Editor-in-Chief of the law journal, it is a great honour to present to you the fifth edition of the *Elsa Malta Law Review*. This year's edition features eight contributions: one case comment, one book review and six articles, tackling a number of topics, namely Maritime Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, International Law and International Relations, and Gender Discrimination and Human Rights Law.

It is enormously rewarding to see a year's worth of work come together, and with this, I would like to thank my editorial team: Calvin Calleja; Claire Caruana; Liza Marie Cassar; Luke Mizzi; and Ruth Bonnici, for their constant efforts and cooperation in the publication of this year's edition. I would also like to thank all the authors who contributed to this year's edition and also all the legal practitioners who, despite their busy schedules, voluntarily submitted their peer-review opinions.

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As with many other law journals, the ELSA Malta Law Review gives legal writers the opportunity to have their works reviewed not only by student editors, but also peer-reviewers, and published in a very highly-acclaimed law journal. Legal writing is of great value and is very rewarding, thus as outgoing Editor-in-Chief, I encourage further Editorial Boards to strive to ensure that legal writing becomes an integral part of the daily lives not only of legal practitioners and academics but also of law students both locally and internationally. With this, I hope that this tradition is continued by future ELSA Malta Editorial Board.

