

## EDITORIAL

In 2011, the ELSA Malta Law Review was conceived; it was the brainchild of Dr Anna Abela, who was at the time a law student at the University of Malta. A Law Journal edited by students in their final years of studies was a revolutionary concept. Months of toil, late nights and probably far too much coffee, cumulated in the first publication. Since then six more editions were published, each building on the previous years' successes. Most notable was the introduction of peer reviewers in 2012 by Dr Clement Mifsud Bonnici, who was the Editor in Chief at that time.

The fact that each article was subject peer reviewing took the ELSA Malta Law Review to the next level. It elevated the Law Journal from a student edited journal, to one with increased credibility. Peer reviewing ensured that each article gained the approval of at least two experts in the relevant field of law, prior to being published. It ensured a publication that adhered to high standards, one with a two-tiered approval system; first by the student editors and then later by a minimum of two practitioners or academics.

Throughout the last years the ELSA Malta Law Review has enjoyed the support of many in the University Law Faculty. This publication has also gained quite the reputation with both law students and practitioners in the legal field as a reliable and trustworthy source. The significance of this Edition of the ELSA Malta Law Review is that it marks the revival of this highly esteemed publication after three consecutive years during which no EMLR was published. For this we, as Editors in Chief, would like to extend our gratitude to this year's wonderful and hardworking board members, Philip Ellul, Gabriel Debono, Camille Pellicano, Jeanelle Mercieca Grech and Diane Cutajar, to design guru, James Caruana, to all the practitioners and academics that peer reviewed the articles within this publication, to Ganado Advocates for sponsoring the Law Review and making the revival of this publication possible as well as to Dr James Debono for his continuous support and guidance throughout the past year. It is truly humbling to see so many hands' work result in this final version.

This year's EMLR included a wide range of topics, ensuring that it caters for the ever-growing 'family' that law is. Particular effort was made this year to include articles that focused on relatively new legal topics such as Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence in an effort to ensure that they are given the attention that they currently demand. This year's edition includes nine articles and one case study.