

FOREWORD

It is my great pleasure to welcome readers to the 2011 issue of the Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (JALTA).

JALTA is a double-blind refereed journal that publishes scholarly works on all aspects of law. JALTA was established by the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA) in 2008 and represents an important initiative which supports the research endeavours of its members, in addition to ALTA's highly regarded *Legal Education Review* (LER) and the Centre for Legal Education's *Legal Education Digest* (LED), which is included in ALTA membership. The journal also appropriately reflects the prestige, maturity and development of ALTA as an organisation which now represents well over 1000 members.

Following the publication of our inaugural issue in 2008, the response to the 2009 and 2010 issues of JALTA continued to be very strong. For the 2009 issue, we received 34 submissions for consideration to be published, with 23 of those submissions ultimately being published. For the 2010 issue, we received 24 submissions, of which 13 were published. The 2011 issue of JALTA includes 13 published articles out of 19 submissions that we received. All submissions undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review before being published.

In closing, and most importantly, I need to extend my sincere thanks to a number of people whose collective efforts have made this journal possible. First, in addition to all members of the ALTA Executive, I would like to thank my Editorial Board colleagues for their counsel and support. Second, I must thank ALTA Interest Group Convenors and all referees who assisted us with the double-blind refereeing process. I would also like to offer my thanks to Kaushalya Mataraaratchi for her exceptional work in proofreading, David Brennan for his efforts in typesetting, and to CCH Australia Ltd for their generous sponsorship and continued support of the journal. Lastly, I need to record a special thanks to Nathalie ('Nat') Poludniewski who is tireless in her work on all aspects dealing with JALTA and is always supremely organised and efficient. I can safely say that, without Nat's contributions, JALTA would not be produced in a timely and professional manner. Well done, Nat!

I commend this issue of JALTA to all readers and ALTA looks forward to continuing to contribute to the legal profession through this journal.

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