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JUDICIAL OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



Report by Chairperson: Publications Committee 2009

The committee at the moment consists of Ron Laue and myself. During the past year we were able to publish only one edition of the *Judicial Officer*. The edition was published in May 2009 with the following contents:

1. Is it a Justifiable Injustice? A critical analysis of the constitutionality of the provisions of section 112 (1) (a) of Act 51 Of 1977.

Celumusa D. Zungu-Ndwandwe

2. The determination of a child's competency to testify: is it an exercise in futility? Some remarks

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3. The application of the doctrine of strict liability in the criminal justice systems of Canada and England: a lesson for South Africa?

Celumusa D. Zungu-Ndwandwe

There were some articles received which were not accepted for publication because further work had to be done on them. At the moment two articles have been submitted which are ready for publication. As soon as a third article is received the next issue will be published. Attempts have been made to get magistrates to write articles but without visible success yet. It is once again suggested that members should be encouraged to write for the *Judicial Officer* and if they are aware of magistrates who have written dissertations for

Masters Degrees that they be encouraged to submit summaries of such dissertations or shorter versions to me for consideration for publication. In this way we can assist each other to be better magistrates.

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