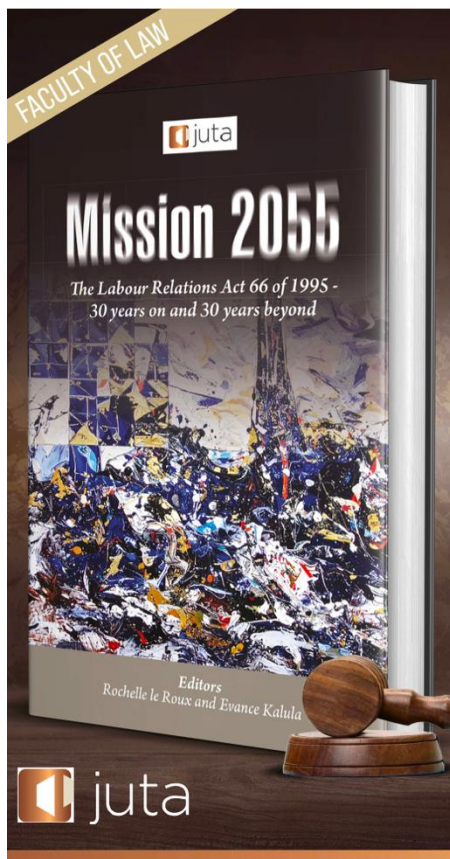


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I write to you as the co-editor (with Emeritus Professor Evance Kalula) of the 2025 volume of *Acta Juridica* which was recently published as a soft cover under the title *Mission 2055: The Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995: 30 years on and 30 years beyond*.

In November 2025 it was thirty years since the Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995 was assented to; a statutory triumph and the foundation of the post-Constitutional labour law regime in South Africa. Taking note of the challenges that emerged over its first 30 years, contributing authors were asked to provide a visionary glance at the evolution of a specific labour law topic over the next thirty years, debating its challenges,



survival and ideal form and shape by 2055. Where will global warming, the rise of artificial intelligence and geopolitical tensions have taken the world, more specifically the world of work? Will there still be work and workplaces as we know them today and will labour law still be relevant?

The title of the soft cover edition is a play between the titles of the feature movies *Mission Impossible* and *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Given that the law is generally reactive and not pro-active, asking colleagues to think 30 years ahead was indeed a mission impossible and for that reason the title, as it appears on the front cover, is intentionally blurry. We nonetheless believe that the authors were able to identify the challenges and offer some insight into the future of the regulation of work and workplaces in an academically defensible manner and that some of their insights might be of value to an international audience.

In addition to a foreword by Edwin Molahlehi, Judge President of the Labour and Labour Appeal Courts, the contributions are:

Simon Deakin	Continuity and change in global labour law
André van Niekerk	Has the Labour Relations Act exceeded its shelf life?
Abigail Osiki & Nicola Smit	Whither employment (and labour law)?

Dennis Davis & Chris Todd	Is the common law of employment up to the task of regulating the world of work, today and into the future?
Alan Rycroft & Christopher Albertyn	Effective workplace dispute resolution for the future
Rochelle le Roux & Peter le Roux	Whither dismissal law?
Mlungisi Tenza	Through the lens of an idealist: Imagining the position of strike law in South Africa by the year 2055
Pamhidzai Bamu & Marlese von Broembsen	Reforming the Labour Relations Act to realise collective rights for the informal economy: Lessons from the domestic and street vending sectors
Shamima Gaibie & Jeremy Phillips	Whither affirmative action?
Marius Olivier	Whither social security?
Letlhokwa George Mpedi	The Labour Relations Act at 30: Navigating challenges and opportunities in the age of artificial intelligence
Cecile de Villiers	Climate-responsive regulation for heat stress in South African workplaces
Andrew Breetzke	The silent revolution: Professional sport and the irrelevance of employment law? Two decades since <i>Matfield</i>

A recently published [review](#) by newly appointed Constitutional Court Judge, Judge Kate Savage, provides further insights about the publication.

Copies of *Mission 2055* can be ordered from Juta by following this [link](#).

Best wishes,

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