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THE 2009 WEBBER WENTZEL LEGAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

# AWARDING OUTSTANDING LEGAL JOURNALISM

THE WEBBER WENTZEL LEGAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIELD OF LEGAL JOURNALISM. IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1999 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ROLE PLAYED BY JOURNALISTS IN PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE OF THE JUDICIARY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE COUNTRY'S CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

## The Prizes

Print and online (including blogs)	R50 000
Broadcast (TV and radio)	R50 000

No runner-up prizes will be awarded.

## Who May Enter?

Any journalist reporting on legal issues in the print, online or broadcast media in the Republic of South Africa.

## The Awards Ceremony

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at Webber Wentzel, 10 Fricker Road, Illovo Boulevard, Johannesburg on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 at 12h30.

## Closing Date for Entries

Entries must be received no later than 17h00 on Wednesday, 9 September 2009.

By post: Webber Wentzel Legal Journalist of the Year Award,  
P.O. Box 61771 Marshalltown 2107.

By hand: Christine Makama, Webber Wentzel, 10 Fricker Road,  
Illovo Boulevard, Johannesburg.

By e-mail: [christine.makama@webberwentzel.com](mailto:christine.makama@webberwentzel.com)  
(proof of publication must be included).

## OUR JUDGES INCLUDE



### FRANZ KRÜGER

Acting Director of the Wits Radio Academy.  
Senior lecturer in journalism: Wits University.  
Ombud: *The Mail and Guardian*.  
Editor: [www.journalism.co.za](http://www.journalism.co.za).  
Author: *Black, White and Grey (Ethics in Journalism) Radio Journalism Toolkit*.



### TAWANA KUPE

Dean of Humanities: Wits University.  
Professor: School of Literature, Language and Media Studies: Wits University.  
Founding Head of Media Studies: Wits University.  
Introduced BA Hons degree in Media Studies.  
Lecturer: Media Theory: Department of Journalism and Media Studies: Rhodes University. Research projects include the relationship and correlation between systems of governance and the role of the press in Southern African countries.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Quality of reporting that demonstrates the ability to understand, interpret and provide in-depth analysis or comment on legal issues and developments that impact on society and people's lives. Balance and objectivity in reporting and clarity in terms of representing how the given issues impact on or affect the future. Ability of the entrant to report on one or more aspects of the legal issues and proceedings. Please note that the law and legal issues must be at the centre of an entry's focus. Reports that only marginally deal with a court case, for instance, will not be considered.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

In the print and online category, no more than four articles published between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 should be submitted. Editorial commentary submissions should be accompanied by a letter from the entrant's editor confirming that the material is the entrant's own work.

In the broadcast category, no more than four DVDs, CDs, video clips or cassette recordings of broadcasts made between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 should be submitted. A series of short reports will be accepted as an entry provided that the total duration does not exceed 25 minutes in length.

The four articles or broadcasts may be on individual topics or part of a series of articles or programmes. Submissions should be accompanied by a brief synopsis of their content, together with the reasons for their selection.

## 2008 WINNERS

Print media: Rob Rose: *Financial Mail*  
Electronic media: Sasha Wales-Smith: *SABC*

# ENTRY FORM

## PRIZES

Print and online (including blogs) R50 000  
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Please tick the appropriate category, complete the form and attach it to your submission.

PRINT

BROADCAST

Name .....

Title .....

Company (if applicable) .....

Address .....

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Telephone (code and number) .....

Fax (code and number) .....

E-mail .....

## RULES

- The 2009 Webber Wentzel Legal Journalist of the Year Award is open to all journalists working and reporting on legal issues in the Republic of South Africa on a freelance basis or as a full time employee.
- Articles written by Webber Wentzel staff and legal professionals for legal publications are excluded.
- In the print and online category, no more than four articles published between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 should be submitted. Editorial commentary submissions should be accompanied by a letter from the entrant's editor confirming that the material is the entrant's own work. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
- In the broadcast category, no more than four DVDs, CDs, video clips or cassette recordings of broadcasts made between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 should be submitted. A series of short reports will be accepted as an entry provided that the total duration does not exceed 25 minutes in length.
- The four articles or broadcasts may be on individual topics or part of a series of articles or programmes. Submissions should be accompanied by a brief synopsis of their content, together with the reasons for their selection.
- Entries may be in any official South African language.
- Finalists will be notified in writing and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The judges' decision is final and judges reserve the right to withhold prizes where entries in their opinion fail to meet the requisite standards.
- The prizes are not transferable.
- The prizes will be presented at an official awards function at 12h30 on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 at Webber Wentzel, 10 Fricker Road, Illovo Boulevard, Johannesburg.
- Finalists should agree to be photographed and will be required to attend the awards ceremony.