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We are very pleased to present *Volume 2: Issue 1* of the SCR 2019. We have selected four cases for review. In this issue we feature two important regional cases, one decided by the nascent Zimbabwean Constitutional Court and the other, by the Kenyan Supreme Court. The other two cases are drawn from within Zambia and determined by the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court respectively.

The first case comment analyses the Zimbabwean Constitutional Court's decision in the case of *Nelson Chamisa v Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa* dealing with the disputed presidential election of August 2018 in Zimbabwe. The significance of the decision is self-evident as this was the first post-Mugabe election which in a sense tested the democratic credentials of post-Mugabe institutions, including the judiciary. The second case commentary turns our attention to Kenya, to the cases of *Raila Amolo Odinga and Another v Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and Others (2013 and 2017)*. The commentary has a narrow but significant focus on the proper import of invalid votes in the democratic process.

Coming back to Zambia, we look at two cases, one decided by the Constitutional Court and having stirred a major national debate, and the other, which went largely unnoticed, yet is very significant in the evolution of Zambian jurisprudence on customary law. The case of *Daniel Pule and Others v Attorney General* dealt with the eligibility of President Lungu to stand for another term in office, having already served two terms in office. The final case is that of *Kilolo Ng'ambi v Opa Kapijimpanga*, which required the Supreme Court to determine how succession to traditional chieftaincy office should be determined where there were competing candidates and existing customary law was limited and unable to help resolve the competing claims.

The selection of our four case notes, featuring two important African regional decisions and two cases from Zambia's twin apex courts, promise to provide insights, intrigue and perhaps despondency about the development of contextually relevant jurisprudence by our courts.

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