

## **JDP School of Law to Host Julius Caesar Play**

The University of Fiji's Justice Devendra Pathik School of Law's production of the play "Julius Caesar" will take place on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Playhouse, Selbourne Street, Suva from 6pm-8pm.

The play is part of an innovative new project undertaken by the JDP School of Law to unify legal technical competence and experience with legal values to students. Legal plays are produced annually by the School.

The Dean of JDP School of Law, Professor Shaista Shameem said the origin of the idea to produce a legal play a year came from the fact that law students needed practice in speaking skills because litigation requires confidence and a keen appreciation of performance and theatre.

"Producing a play annually is not only about teaching our students how to use language to best effect, or learning how to memorize. We deliberately choose plays which allow students to explore certain legal values, concepts and themes. We would like our students, whether through performance via producing plays or as the audience, to learn that understanding the law is more than just acquisition of technical competence," she explained.

The first play "Antigone" was performed by the School in 2017. The School of Law plays are directed by Matt Young, Acting Coach and Chairperson of the Fiji Arts Club in Suva and produced by the School.