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The Hon. T.W. Smith, Q.C.

The Victorian Law Reform Commissioner, Mr. Smith, retired in December 1976 after completion of his three year commission as Victoria's first Law Reform Commissioner. As he told a gathering of friends in Melbourne on 16 December, it was only his "second retirement". He was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria from 1950 to 1973, having been admitted to the Bar in 1926 and appointed a K.C. in 1946. Mr. Smith received an honorary LL.D. from Melbourne University in 1973. Victorian Government has already announced its intention to implement a number of his reports.

The Hon. Mr. Justice J.H. Wootten

The new Chairman of the N.S.W.L.R.C., Mr. Justice Wootten, was educated at Sydney high School and Sydney University. He took a B.A. degree and an LL.B. degree with first class honours. His career has alternated between academic and professional pursuits. From a leading practice as a Q.C., he was appointed in 1969 first Dean and Foundation Professor of Law in the University of N.S.W. Law School. Appointed to the Supreme Court of N.S.W. in 1973, he has now become the fourth Chairman of the N.S.W.L.R.C. His Honour's background of interests in New Guinea and Aboriginal affairs betoken a keen concern in the workings of the law, not just its letter. He takes command of the N.S.W.L.R.C.'s vital reference on the legal profession. Announcement of other Commissioners is now to hand. (Judge Martin Q.C. and Mr. J. Disney). A note on their careers will appear next issue.

The Hon. Mr. Acting Justice Loveday

His Honour Judge Loveday, a former member of the N.S.W.L.R.C., has been appointed an acting Judge of the Supreme Court of N.S.W. Some details of his Honour's career appear in [1976] *Reform* 35.

His Honour Judge J.M. White

Judge White, Chairman of the S.A. Credit Tribunal since 1973, has joined the S.A.L.R.C. for its reference on Class Actions. His Honour was appointed to the Local and District Criminal Court in 1970 and has been acting Judge in Bankruptcy since 1972. He is the author of an important report *Fair Dealing with Consumers* which proposes, inter alia, significant changes in secured creditors' remedies. The Federal Attorney-General has appointed him a Consultant to the A.L.R.C. on *Consumers in Debt*.

Tasmanian L.R.C.'s Lay Members

The Tas. L.R.C. contains two persons "other than practitioners" nominated by the Attorney-General in accordance with the Act. Mrs. Joy Tunney of Launceston is a physiotherapist and Welfare Officer to Special Schools. She has taken a leading part in family day care schemes, women's shelters and handicapped infants' groups. Mrs. W.M. King has lived in Hobart all her life. She has taken a leading part in the work of the Baptist Church and community affairs associated with the Church. These are among the few lay members of Australian L.R.C.s. The V.S.L.R.C. also includes non lawyers.

A.L.R.C. Research Team

Mr. K.P. O'Connor has been appointed Principal Law Reform Officer with the A.L.R.C. He holds an LL.M. degree from Melbourne University and has done post graduate work in law at Illinois. He was appointed from the position of Lecturer at the Melbourne Law School. His interests include administrative law and consumer protection. Ms. S.K. McCallum is a Senior Law Reform Officer. She holds a B.Juris and LL.B. from Monash University and LL.M. from British Columbia. She worked with the Canada L.R.C. before joining the A.L.R.C. Her special interests include administrative law and environment law. Ms. Jocelyne A. Scutt joined the A.L.R.C. from the Max-Planck-Institut in Freiburg. She holds an LL.B. degree (W.A.) and LL.M. degrees from Sydney and Michigan. She also has a Dip.Juris from Sydney. Her areas of interest are industrial law and criminal law and she has published widely, especially in matters relating to sex-based discrimination. She is a Senior Law Reform Officer and with Ms. McCallum is working principally on the A.L.R.C. Privacy Reference.

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