

Scrutiny of the Legal Profession: Complaints against Lawyers

New South Wales Law Reform Commission, Report No. 70 February 1993

The New South Wales Law Reform Commission's report on its reference in regard to complaints against lawyers includes the following recommendations:

That the professional associations should ensure that more basic and continuing education about legal ethics and professional responsibility is available, including courses which are incidental to the practising certificate and disciplinary systems.

That successful completion of a subject which adequately deals with the issues of legal ethics and professional responsibility should be compulsory for LLB students in university law schools in NSW, and should be compulsory for admission to practise as a barrister or solicitor.

That there is feedback from the disciplinary system to the legal profession in order to facilitate changes in (basic, practical or continuing) legal education aimed at remedying common problems.

The report provides commentary on these recommendations.

LEGAL PROFESSION

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LIBRARIES & INFORMATION

Teaching Legal Research: Past and Present

J M Janto and L D. Harrison-Cox

[see Individual Subjects/Areas of Law]

MANDATORY CLE

MCLE courses hit new turf: featured are such titles as 'Cruisin for Credits

G D Cox

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California will become the 36th state to require that lawyers attend continuing education courses in order to renew their licenses. As of January 1992 the California State Bar will mandate that all lawyers earn 36 credit-hours every three years. California, like most other states, will adopt a laissez-faire approach to checking the content of courses and the compliance of lawyers. Transcripts will not be collected as eight states require but lawyers will have to sign attendance statements that are subject to perjury.

MCLE credit for in-house activities

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Reports on three further states which have adopted MCLE in some form. Also discusses those situations where in-house CLE activity can qualify.

Includes a chart summarising the position in all USA states.

OTHER DISCIPLINES & PROFESSIONS

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PERSONALIA

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The DEUST - A New Scientific, Technical & Professional Diploma in the Domain of Law, Computing and Information Systems

D Bourcier & J Richardson
[see Technology]

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Continuing the Education of Lawyers in British Columbia

A Policy Issue Discussion Paper issued by the Post Call Curriculum Planning Committee of the Law Society of British Columbia, 1991

Paper is a discussion draft of the first report of a committee chaired by Grant Burnyeat, and looks at the nature of post-call education. Looks at the five phases of legal education - pre-law school, law school, articling, professional legal training course and post-call.