

Letters

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Subject:

party and party costs

It appears that the GST will work in this area exactly as APLA submitted to the senate enquiry despite being howled down by the conservative members of it as being ridiculous.

GST will be payable by the consumer on the whole of the professional costs but the debt against whom an order for pmt of the party and party component will have no liability for payment of any GST on that component because no service has been rendered to it.

This means the GST will add a burden of at least 15% on the consumers' share of their legal costs in litigation.

Can we reactivate this campaign and get media involved and if necessary employ media consultants to get it some coverage and lobbyists to get access to the Treasurer on it?

Peter Carter

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



NATIONAL COUNCIL and BRANCH COMMITTEES **ELECTION** OF OFFICE BEARERS

In accordance with By-law 1 of the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association Ltd, an election of Directors will be held by postal ballot in May, 2000. At the same time, elections will be held for local Branch Office Bearers and Branch Committee Members.

Nominations are now open for the following positions.

National President
National Vice President
National Secretary
National Treasurer

For each Branch
Branch President
Branch Vice-President
Branch Secretary
Branch Treasurer
Branch Committee Member

A nomination form is included in this issue of Plaintiff. If you require another form please contact the National Office (02) 9698 1700.

All nominees and nominators must be full members of APLA Ltd.

Nominations must be received in writing by the Returning Officer at
**Level 1, 128-134 Chalmers Street,
Surry Hills, NSW, 2010 by 5pm.
eastern standard time, April 28, 2000.**

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Sheraton
NEWS

Litigation booming, say legal experts

IF you slip over and hurt yourself in Noosa today, don't fret — a lawyer won't be far away.

More than 150 plaintiff lawyers are attending a litigation conference at the Sheraton.

Justice and litigation experts, including Mr Justice Moynihan of the Queensland Supreme Court, told the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association conference things were looking rosy as society's demand for litigation was on the increase.

Justice Moynihan said plaintiff lawyers

played an important role in society in helping clients seek justice against large organisations.

"An effective court system is an essential component of peace, order and good government," Justice Moynihan said.

"There are disputes that can only be resolved with the authority of the State."

The conference officially ended yesterday but many of the lawyers will enjoy a relaxing day on the Coast before heading home.

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