

# Editorial

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Phew! We've done it! Four journals have hit the streets (or office floors) in 1996. Our final Journal for the year has a real international flavour. If you are chained to your desk in downtown Melbourne, or out in the sticks somewhere, dreaming of a career that brings overseas opportunities, read on! Yes, young lawyers can work abroad, and go to conferences in exotic places, if they put their minds to it!

We set ourselves a very high standard when our March edition went to print, and we would like to think that standard has been maintained. We would like to thank everybody who volunteered their time, wrote for or helped produce the Young Lawyers' Journal in 1996, especially Trevor Choy, Rosanna Stefanetti and Darren Hogeboom.

## Sponsorship and Advertising

The Editorial committee has not only worked tirelessly to put together the Journal, we have successfully marketed the Journal and the advantages of advertising in it to many organisations wishing to reach young lawyers. We especially thank the following sponsors of the Journal and other Young Lawyers events, and hope to have their continuing support in 1997:

The Law Institute  
BDO Nelson Parkhill  
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## Gordon Lewis Speakers Trophy

The 10th Anniversary Gordon Lewis Speaker's Trophy was again a very entertaining night, with Edwina Curzon-Siggers from Lander & Rogers a very worthy (and substantially richer) winner. Every effort will be made to obtain a major sponsor to continue the tradition again next year. We will aim to improve the night even further, perhaps by holding it at a new venue, and encouraging inter firm rivalry.

## Happy Christmas and see you again in 1997!

*Glen Pauline & Vicki Bolton*

# Chair's Report

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We all like to think that lawyers can argue with skill and flair (well most of them) but how many of them can keep you awake after "chicken and three veg" at any number of those dinners or balls where lawyers in hog the microphone for hours? Well hope springs eternal after witnessing the young lawyers battle wit and tongue at the Gordon Lewis Speakers trophy. The standard of competition was enough to make me never want to grace a lectern again without a speech writer (and a bottle of port to help me forget the experience). The shiny silver trophy was won this tenth anniversary year by Edwina Curzon-Siggers. All the speeches managed to provide unique and comical angles on the challenges facing young lawyers today. Thanks to the organising committee and to the adjudicators for running a seamlessly smooth event which deserved the large it audience it attracted.

While the "thankyous" are flying thick and fast I want to include all members of the committees this year who have donated their time and expertise to run Multimedia seminars, this flashy gazette, a lecture series, Articles booklets, Pro Bono referral schemes, lunchtime seminars, Young Lawyer's balls and all the other stuff that Young Lawyers fall head first out of planes to do, with only a few free sandwiches in return for their toil.

Appreciation must also go to the committee chairs and those on the Executive who dragged themselves out of bed in darkness to report on committee doings and kept the Young Lawyer machine well oiled and out of engine trouble.

Young Lawyers couldn't organise a hamburger in a major American food franchise without the patience and hard work of the Law Institute team of Rosanna Stefanetti, Darren Hogeboom and Ingrid Leighton. To show you how much I appreciate your efforts I will keep my telephone calls down to one an hour till the end of the year!

## Compliments of the season and see you next year.

Jason Newman  
Chair  
Executive Committee