

# Editorial

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The first Journal for 1997 is dedicated to those who are just starting out in the profession. From articled clerks to those contemplating going to the Bar, the March edition is the Journal for you. The Journal includes our regular features, such as film reviews, handy hints on practice and photographs of the Section's events.

## Member Survey

To help us keep the Journal relevant to you, the reader, and enable us to better market the Journal, we have enclosed a survey for your attention. And might we add, not only do you get the benefit of a more relevant and serviceable Journal, but there are PRIZES (!!!) for those of you that take five minutes to complete it and return it to Darren Hogeboom.

Surveys returned by 30 April 1997 will go into a draw to win one of ten double passes to see *The Apartment* at the Kino (see Rodrigo Arellano's interview with Gilles Mimouni, Director of *The Apartment*) or a dinner for 4 at Stella's Restaurant to the value of \$250.00. The winners will be notified by mail.

## Coming up in 1997

With the introduction of the new Legal Practice Act, 1997 is set to be a year full of new challenges for all young lawyers. Throughout the year, the Journal will be exploring the republican debate, keeping abreast of constitutional issues, and continuing with what we believe are relevant and useful articles of interest to young lawyers. We welcome your input, both as authors and letters to the editor, to enable the Journal to be the voice of all young lawyers.

*Glen Pauline & Sharne Bryan*

# Chair's Report

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After a hard fought election campaign (which Phoebe described as akin to climbing a Himalayan mountain) we received a unanimous mandate for reform. Building on the foundations laid by our illustrious predecessor, Jason Newman, we are committed to achieving the following program:

1. active engagement in the debate to shape the Constitution for a new millennium;
2. ensuring the implementation of the "Bridging the Gap" pro bono scheme and consideration of other pro bono initiatives; and
3. focusing on and building a national perspective and platform for young lawyers.

In an environment where sweeping changes are being made to the legal profession, we are keen to ensure young lawyers have an active voice and role in this process through the Young Lawyers Section.

We intend to harness the support of all the Committees of the Section in a co-ordinated manner to achieve these aims. We look forward to your enthusiastic support and active participation!

## Echoing the words of a previous reformer—"It's time."

*Phoebe Dunn & Vu Tien Vy*  
Joint Chairs, Executive