

# Editorial

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Welcome to the first edition of the Young Lawyers Journal for 1998.

As newly appointed Joint Chairs of the Editorial Committee of the Young Lawyers' section, it is most certainly a time of "new beginnings" for us. We imagine that for many of you the start of 1998 has brought a new chapter in your lives also, either with the commencement of Articles or your admission to practise. For the rest of you, the start of 1998 may see you looking for your next career step, either by way of promotion in your current employment or a desire for a complete change of direction. Either way, there should be something of interest for all of you in this Journal.

Our aim for the Journal this year is to ensure that you, as a member of the Young Lawyers' section, are kept aware of all the benefits the section has to offer. To this end we have included reports from the Chairs of each of the Committees within the section to allow them to introduce themselves and also tell you a little of their plans for the year and the events and benefits you can expect as a member of Young Lawyers.

In keeping with the theme of "New Beginnings", we have included some survival tips for new practitioners in our "Do's and Don'ts" article and also have taken some very flattering photos of the newly admitted practitioners at the recent LIV Receptions. In addition, those considering a "new beginning" in their

career may appreciate the guidance provided in our articles on Career Options for Young Lawyers and Life as a Judge's Associate.

This Journal also gives you a foretaste of the Young Lawyers events planned for 1998. Among these is a new look Young Lawyers Ball to be held in August, and also the Gordon Lewis Speakers Trophy in June. We encourage those with a penchant for public speaking to participate in this prestigious competition. If the prestige doesn't persuade you, there are great prizes on offer too! See entry details on page ten.

Our membership survey last year told us that young lawyers spent a good deal of their time going to clubs, bars, restaurants and the cinema as well as listening to music. In response, we have given you not one but two movie reviews (with the chance to pick up some free passes) and have also sent our roving reporters to check out the latest CDs and bars.

Enjoy the first edition. If you have any suggestions for articles or issues that you would like to see covered in the Journal, please let us know. Our next issue will be on your desk in August.

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