

# Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee has as its main function the organisation of seminars and other events for the benefit of young lawyers. Even at this early stage, it appears that the PDC has a busy year ahead of it.

As usual, we have organised the Young Lawyers' Lecture Series. These are a series of short lectures which generally occur on a Tuesday evening at the Snail and Bottle restaurant. The lectures cover a range of issues including the drafting of pleadings, conveyancing, taxation and family law. See page 25 for further details.

The format of the lectures has changed slightly this year. We aim to provide lectures which involve more interaction from the audience and which focus on the

The Community Issues Committee has a number of interesting projects for 1998. The committee has completed an updated version of the Volunteers Guide. The guide is a comprehensive list of volunteer legal services which outlines all the requirements for undertaking volunteer work with the respective services. Members are encouraged to ask Darren Hogeboom of the Section for a copy of the guide. He can be reached on (03) 9607 9385.

A shadow program and Aboriginal cadetship program are also on the agenda. Both programs are modelled on successful programs that have been run in NSW. The former involves pairing up children from

disadvantaged schools with lawyers in different fields for a period of a week. The format of the latter program, in particular its implementation in Victoria, is yet to be decided.

The group will continue to keep an eye on the full fee paying student issue, having already sent in its



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practicalities of the law.

Other events planned for 1998 are:

- Corporate Fraud: a Hypothetical - 28 May 1998;
- Barristers vs Solicitors mooted competition; and
- Multimedia seminars - October 1998.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from young practitioners in relation to a proposed Young Lawyers Conference to be held in August 1998.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above events, or if you are interested in helping to organise them, GET

INVOLVED! Call Darren Hogeboom at the Law Institute of Victoria on 9607 9385.

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submissions to be considered. The Legal Aid issue will also be monitored by the group.

Our Guide to the Law for Gay & Lesbian Couples is in the process of being overhauled and hopefully will be published later in the year.

If you have any suggestions on matters that the group could assist with or would like to join please contact Darren Hogeboom on (03) 9607 9385.

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