

Community Issues Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Alexandra West, has taken a leave of absence, and will return to her position later in the year. Mina Guli has taken on the role as 'Acting Chair', and as she is in Sydney on secondment for the next two months, I have been given the arduous task of making a brief report.

The committee is currently involved in a number of projects, including alternative career paths for law graduates, access to justice for Australians overseas, and

active involvement with the CLCs (community legal centres) in regard to the review of centres in Victoria. Further information on the review of CLCs in Victoria can be obtained from Lou Schetzer by emailing him at the following address: Lou_Schetzer@fcl.fl.asn.au

If you wish to be actively involved with the committee, please contact me on 9607 9385.

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Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee has three major projects on the cards for the remainder of 1999. These events are in addition to the very successful Young Lawyers' Lecture Series running at present.

The major event which the Committee is presently organising is a joint initiative between the Law Institute of Victoria and Hanover Welfare Services for a mooted competition to be conducted in September and October this year. More details about the competition are provided on page 17.

The Committee is also finalising details for a high calibre E-Commerce and Intellectual Property seminar series later the year. Further details of the seminar series including dates, topics and speakers will be made available to young lawyers, members of the profession, people working in this area and other interested persons through literature which will be distributed shortly.

The final project which is being organised by the Committee is a conference for young lawyers working and/or residing in suburban and country areas. The conference is likely to be held in either Ballarat or Bendigo later this year and seminars and workshops will be conducted in relation to a wide variety of practice areas.

If you would like further information about any of these events, please contact either Darren Hogeboom at the Law Institute or Nicole Stevens, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee.



*Nicole Stevens
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