

Committees

Community Issues Committee Report

The Community Issues Committee has been planning a program of seminars to provide information to law students on the range of career options for law graduates. The seminars will be presented by an array of speakers at the Melbourne, Monash, LaTrobe and Deakin university law schools in March/April 2000. The initiative will also comprise a seminar to be held later in the year in conjunction with the Leo Cussen Institute. The seminar will focus on equipping participants with essential job hunting skills, such as interview techniques and resume writing. We aim to offer the program at no cost to law students. Accordingly, we are currently seeking sponsorship for the program and have received a number of expressions of interest.

On other matters, the Committee has decided to continue the Shadow Program in 2000 and are aiming to expand the project to include country areas.

In the New Year we also hope to search for a new community based project. The Committee is in the process of scoping out possibilities in the juvenile justice system and have been discussing potential projects with the staff at the Childrens' Court.

As always, please contact Darren Hogeboom if you would like to join the Committee or have any recommendations for projects you would like us to pursue.



*Alexandra West,
Chair*

International Young Lawyers' Representative Report

We have had a number of inquiries about overseas employment since we have taken up this position. So that all Young Lawyers know, International Young Lawyers have a secondment program. IYL assist young lawyers in establishing contacts with overseas law firms for short term secondments. Anyone interested should contact us for an application form.

We also have information and application forms for the next IYL annual conference. This will be held in Helsinki and covers a large range of topics relevant to young lawyers around the world. If you wish to attend call us and we'll send you the forms.

On the agenda for next year, we will be having a series of guest speakers, either in a lunch-time or after work time slot. We'll keep you posted.

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