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new committees

The Social Committee has been given a new lease on life, and a new Law Reform Committee has been established. If you are interested in joining either of these or any other of the Young Lawyers' Section committees, contact Jacqui Boymal (9607 9379) or email: younglaw@liv.asn.au

THIS EDITION – this is the third and last edition of the Young Lawyers' Journal for 2000. It has been a very interesting year of change that has made choosing themes for each edition something of a challenge! The previous two editions have dealt with the issues of technology and immigration. The theme for this edition is globalisation. The term "globalisation" must be one of the most frequently used terms in modern language and it conveys so many different meanings for different people. For some, it is synonymous with exploitation of third world economies. For others it more lends itself to describing the process of "internationalisation" whereby economic barriers that exist between national economies are progressively lowered. The articles in this edition are not and cannot possibly be seminal about the true meaning and effect of globalisation. The purpose of the articles is more to provoke your thoughts about how the practice of law (and society as a whole) is being impacted upon by the phenomenon of "globalisation." As we saw from the World Economic Forum held in Melbourne in September of this year, there are many people out there who claim to be either passionate advocates or opponents of globalisation. The views of the writers are not necessarily those of the editors. However, the editors do endorse healthy debate on the subject that might at least get some of you to think about wider, "non-black letter" legal issues.

There also has been a great deal happening this year on the Australian legal reform front. This edition contains interesting pieces on matters such as passive smoking and employee ("safety net") entitlements under insolvency law. It is also worth noting that the Young Lawyers' Section now has a Law Reform Committee and that future editions are most likely to include details of subjects being considered by that committee.

Finally, you will see from the various Young Lawyers' Section reports towards the rear of this edition that many of the Committees, such as the Professional Development, Community Issues Committees and the newly formed Social Committee have been very active. However, as a final pitch, the editors would urge readers to get involved with the Editorial Committee, which sorely needs enthusiastic new members with an interest in writing about both legal and non-legal issues. Anyone who is interested should contact Jacqui Boymal at the Law Institute.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the articles in the Young Lawyers' Journal in 2000. Best wishes for the New Year.

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