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New Editorial Committee members and occasional contributors alike are welcomed.

## 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

What are the current challenges facing the law and the legal profession in 2001? Who are we as a profession and how does the wider community perceive us? What are the needs and expectations of young lawyers? These are some of the questions we will be addressing in the *Young Lawyers' Journal* this year, in which our overall theme is *The Law in 2001*.

As young lawyers, it is important for us to be aware of reform issues and their affects on our legal and wider community. More importantly, we need to be involved in those processes.

An example of such reform is the legislative development occurring in relation to same-sex relationships in Victoria. Also, there is innovative legislation being introduced to restrict smoking in a variety of public places in the State.

In this edition, we are looking at ways in which young lawyers can become involved within the Law Institute Sections and Committees. You will find an overview of the various Sections and Committees you can join. By becoming involved, you will learn more about an area of law that you're interested in. You will also have the opportunity to meet people within the profession. In addition you will raise your own profile.

In our next edition, we will be focussing on the various career paths available to young lawyers – whether you're practising in a country or suburban firm, whether you're corporate counsel or at the bar. There are many different experiences to be had in the law, and its not always easy to know where to find them. As a result some young lawyers can become disillusioned.

It is for this reason that in our third and last edition of the *Journal* for 2001, we will be looking at why it is that so many young lawyers are leaving the law.

We encourage all of you to become involved in the Institute together with other organisations – to have the opportunity to meet people with the same interests and passions as you. And, of course, we encourage you to write about the legal issues that matter to all of us as young lawyers – for publication in your *Journal*.

Finally, happy reading.

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