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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

In this second edition of the *Young Lawyers' Journal*, under this year's theme of *The Law in 2001*, we look at a number of career paths available to young lawyers.

Practitioners from diverse backgrounds have contributed their experiences and impressions of practising (and living) in the new millennium, including Ms Felicity Hampel SC.

We have not been able to provide impressions of all of the different career paths open to young lawyers - from corporate counsel to government lawyers to community lawyers. But we have deliberately sought to provide the views and experiences of young lawyers working in country and suburban firms, as quite often it is their views that tend to go unheard.

One of the biggest obstacles still to be overcome by young lawyers working in the country and suburbs is isolation due to the tyranny of distance. Networking opportunities and legal resources taken for granted in the city, are sometimes not that easy for country and suburban lawyers to access. For this reason, the Young Lawyers' Section is looking at ways in which the exchange of ideas and experiences between city, suburban and country lawyers can best be facilitated. Having said that, it does seem that living and working outside the CBD definitely has its advantages!

In compiling and editing this edition, what has struck us is the great energy and enthusiasm of young lawyers - our desire to be involved, contributing and rewarded - both professionally and personally.

Most of all, it appears, we want to be heard. And one of the most important things we're saying is that we want to achieve a balance between work and personal life.

And that's why in our third (and final) edition of the *Journal* for 2001, we will be looking at why young lawyers are becoming disillusioned and leaving the law, and what can be done to make life in the law more enjoyable for all of us.

Happy reading!

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VALE

Douglas Michaelis Salek QC passed away on 29 July 2001. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family. Mr Salek, who contributed an article to the first edition of the *Journal* for this year, will be sadly missed by his colleagues and friends.

FRONT COVER

The front cover depicts the winning entry in the recent competition to design a new logo for the Young Lawyers' Section. Congratulations to the victorious sibling design team, Adrian and Leora Elton and thank you to all of the other entrants!