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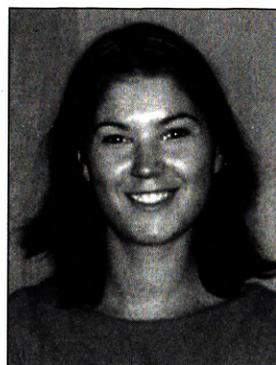
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Becoming a Member of the Young Lawyers' Section

Membership of the Young Lawyers' Section is open to all practitioners under the age of 36 or practitioners with less than six years practical experience. Articled Clerks and law students are encouraged to become associate members of the Section.



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"In terms of power and influence, you can forget the church, forget politics. There is no more powerful institution in society than business – I believe it is now more important than ever before for business to assume a moral leadership. The business of business should not be about money, it should be about responsibility. It should be about public good, not private greed".

ANITA RODDICK, FOUNDER OF THE BODY SHOP

We have timesheet entries for tasks such as research, drafting and settling of documents and attendances on clients. In fact, every possible facet of the solicitor/client relationship has been identified and reduced to an activity code to which a monetary value can be assigned.

Imagine though, if we took this concept further and extracted, from the concept of "corporate responsibility", some new entries that, despite not having a direct impact on a practice's bottom line, may, over time, add value to the health of the global community.

We would end up with a timesheet littered with entries such as, drafting and developing the firm's green office policy, voluntary work at a soup kitchen and reviewing the firm's ethical investment policy.

What is required by the legal profession is the development of a new mind-set which recognises that corporate responsibility can co-exist with other more traditional responsibilities that are assumed by the legal profession.

We hope that after reading this edition of the Journal, Young Lawyers will begin to look at their workplace in a different light and begin to recognise that we can make a difference to our local and global community by adopting an ethical, environmental and socially responsible approach to our workplace practices.

Selina Sawaya and Catherine Symons