

Editorial



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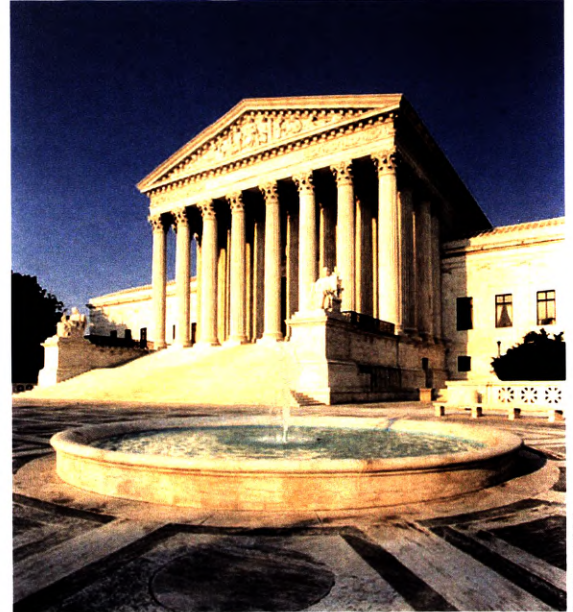
In keeping with our review of the various facets of the legal profession, for the 32nd issue of the *Young Lawyers Journal*, we have focused on the judiciary. Judges, magistrates, members of the Bar and associates, perform immensely valuable work, not just for the legal profession, but for society at large. The idea behind this issue is to illuminate the work and life of those of our fellow practitioners who exist, as it were, behind (or in the shadows of) the purple curtain.

The "lawyering" undertaken by solicitors in their day-to-day lives is greatly influenced and enhanced by the work of their counterparts at the Bar. Further, in drafting documents or when running transactions, it is easy to forget that innumerable aspects of our work are shaped by the courts of Australia (and beyond). We hope that the articles we have included illustrate the profound impact which the judiciary has on the work of all lawyers.

In this issue, the inspiring Professor George Hampel QC generously donates his time for an interview. This interview reveals the surprising beginnings of Professor Hampel's career. His determination, commitment and, above all, passion for the law are qualities to which all young lawyers may aspire. To give readers a behind-the-scenes look at the judiciary, Verity Quinn has provided us with the details of a day in the life of an associate. Carolyn Cheng has considered the role of the judges in children's court cases. In her article she looks at the Children's Cases Program which is currently being trialled in NSW. It seems to be a refreshing alternative to the traditional procedure of resolving family court matters – definitely one to keep an eye on.

As part of our continuing commitment to professional development, we have included a CV health check and our regular Career Doctor feature. We continue with our usual case updates from different fields of law, in this issue we look at fixed charges over book debts and developments in relation to legal professional privilege.

We also include an array of articles reflecting the varied interests and activities of our membership. Mark Farquhar has considered and compared the treatment by ASIC of Rivkin and Vizard. Steven Koufomanolis provides an insight into the graduate experience at the Australian Tax Office. On the global front, the Young Lawyers' Section and, particularly, the Community Issues Committee, looked at the issue of Human Trafficking in a discussion forum. The result of this forum has been the establishment of an informal network of lawyers



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dedicated to providing pro bono legal assistance and research in the area of human trafficking. Law Institute of Victoria president Tory Strong has written a thought-provoking piece on deconstructing the glass ceiling.

In some light relief, Jacinta Cullum reports on the drama of the Barristers v Solicitors footy match. We also include reviews of the various events which the Young Lawyers' Section has hosted, including the glamorous Masquerade Ball, the annual Mooting Competition and the inaugural Negotiation Skills Competition. All our regular features, the Quick Quiz, reviews and committee reports, are also present.

In this, the final issue for 2005, we send our thanks to all of our contributors and interviewees. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our readers – your interest is the foundation of this journal. Finally, we extend our warmest thanks to the Editorial Committee: it has been our privilege, this year, to work with an fantastic group of people – time and again, we were left amazed at the hard work, vibrancy and commitment of the members of the Editorial Committee to the *Young Lawyers Journal*.

We wish everyone a great end to 2005, a safe and happy holiday season, and all of the best for 2006. ■

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