

# Professional Development Committee

**T**he business end of 2005 is well on the Professional Development Committee (PDC) at the moment, with a number of exciting and important projects taking place. You will see from the photos in this issue of the YLJ, the success enjoyed with our recent Mooting Competition, having raised \$35,000 for Hanover Welfare Services. The Life in the Law Discussion Program is in full swing with many participants having already met with their respective judges a number of times, and finding the experience invaluable thus far. Our inaugural Negotiation Skills Competition has also proved to be a success with young lawyers, with the PDC being inundated with applications to participate, and a huge attendance at the Grand Final, which was held at the prestigious State Library Theatre.

Many of you attended our vocation-specific careers seminars - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, together with the Career Progression forum. As always, the stalwart of the PDC has been the Annual Lecture Series, with a seminar being held at the LIV every Tuesday night from 5.30pm and is set to continue right through until

early November 2005. Upcoming seminars include information on Freedom of Information applications, negotiating commercial contracts, Commercial List practice and procedure in the Supreme Court, the basics of planning law and GST implications in property dealings.

Please visit: <http://www.liv.asn.au/events> to find out more on the PDC activities for 2005.



By **Donna Adams**, and **Emma Langton-Bunker**, Committee Co-Chairs



## Get a head start on your career with legal research training

The LIV's research and Internet program, delivers practical research training to legal professionals. The LIV Library runs monthly computer based sessions on caselaw, legislation, practice specific areas of law and training on the fundamentals of Internet and email use. Training sessions are held in the CBD and at regional and suburban locations.

### Case law

This popular class covers online resources for locating case law, precedents and articles. It has an emphasis on how to search in an effective and timely manner.

### Legislation

Everything you ever wanted to know about legislation on the Internet. Participants will

be guided through typical inquiries, covering legislation, bills, government gazettes and Hansard

### Subject based training

These are group training sessions relevant to LIV practice sections.

### Research Rescue Internet Class

This one-on-one session can help you with the fundamentals of Internet or Email use, or with researching a specific area of law.

For more information contact Catherine Vardy on (03) 9607 9364 or book your training session online. [www.cpd.liv.asn.au](http://www.cpd.liv.asn.au)

## Attention Regional and Suburban Young Lawyers

Did you know you can arrange for research training in your locate area? Call today to arrange legal research training for your local Young Lawyers group. Training sessions can be used to accumulate CPD units. Ph: (03) 9607 9364