

EDITORIAL

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Once again we have been fortunate to receive high-quality submissions for the third and final edition of the *Young Lawyers Journal (YLJ)* for 2008.

This issue contains a variety of different articles with the common theme being the transition from articles of clerkship to the new traineeships system.

We hear from outgoing LIV Young Lawyers' Section Manager Donna Adams on the new traineeships system – essential reading for all young lawyers (and some not so young). We also hear from Leo Cussen Institute director of practical training Judith Dickson on alternative pathways to admission to practice and, in particular, the practical legal training option.

We have a joint contribution from Clayton Utz articled clerks Shannon Radomski and Jack O'Brien reflecting on their experiences as young lawyers-to-be, and offering some helpful tips for thriving and surviving in the early days of your legal career.

Tanya Skvortsova also invites us to reflect on the learning curve that is (or more accurately was) articles of clerkship, and the benefit of being able to make mistakes and learn from them.

Continuing with our theme of living and learning the law in your early career, we have a special double-feature from our sponsors Mahlab recruitment with many hints and tips from a recruiter's perspective. Nalini Moore's "Career Doctor" column covers the potential pitfalls of programs such as Facebook for young lawyers, and senior consultant Megan Drysdale tells us about her experience of transferring from legal practice to the recruitment area.

Following on from an article published in the *YLJ* April 2008 issue, Emma Swann of Holding Redlich Lawyers examines the extent to which the Rudd government has been able to implement changes to immigration law that it foreshadowed in the last federal election campaign.

Finally, we have an interesting article from Zoe Watson on changes to the *Evidence Act* and their implications for press freedom.

We hope you enjoy this final issue of the *YLJ* for 2008 and as co-chairs of the Editorial Committee, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the *YLJ* throughout the year, whether by submitting articles or by participating in the committee's other editorial activities.

Your interesting and informative contributions have made our job as editors a pleasure. We also extend our best wishes to the incoming editorial chairs for 2009. ■

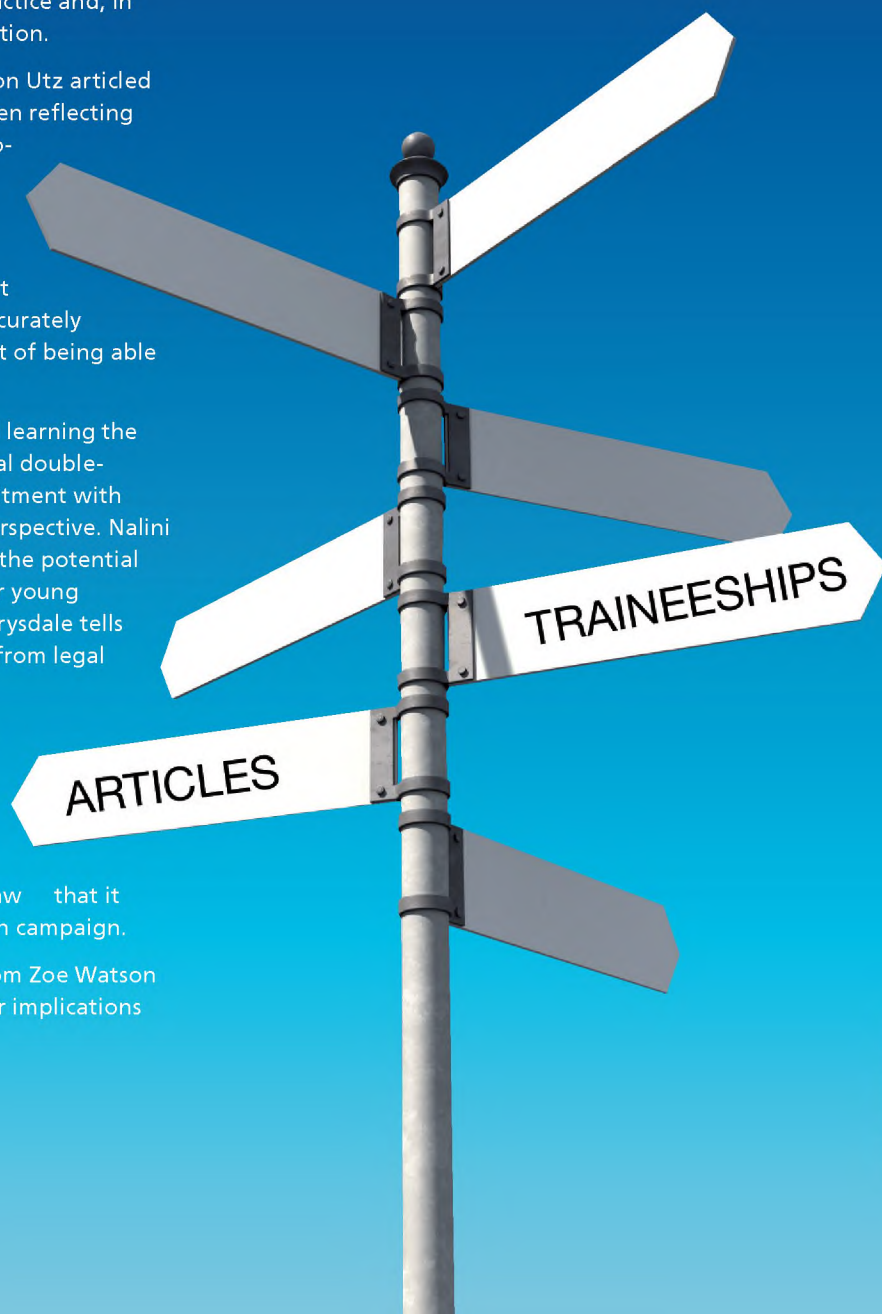


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