

Personalia

The Hon. Mr. Justice F.G. Brennan

Mr. F.G. Brennan Q.C., a part-time Member of the A.L.R.C., has been appointed first President of the newly established Administrative Appeals Tribunal. At the same time, His Honour was appointed a Judge of the Australian Industrial Court. He is the first Queenslander to sit on that Court. His Honour has also received commissions as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the A.C.T. and of the Northern Territory. When appointed to the A.L.R.C. in 1975, Mr. Justice Brennan was President of the Australian Bar Association and of the Queensland Bar Association. He was also a Member of the Executive of the Law Council of Australia. He continues to play an active role in the life of the A.L.R.C. It was announced in June that his commission as a part-time Member was extended for a further three years.

Mr. Howard Schreiber

In September 1976, the Federal Attorney-General, Mr. Ellicott, announced the appointment of Mr. Howard Schreiber to be a part-time Member of the Law Reform Commission. Mr. Schreiber, who is a partner in one of Sydney's largest firms of solicitors, holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. within Sydney University and LL.M. (Harvard). He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in 1963. In 1972 he was co-author of the standard work on Resale Price Maintenance in Australia. In 1975 he delivered a paper to the 18th Australian Legal Convention in Canberra concerned with the Trade Practices Act. Earlier in 1976 Mr. Schreiber was appointed a Member of the Trade Practices Review Committee which has just delivered a prompt report calling for changes in that legislation. He is a Member of the Law Council's Trade Practices and Companies Committee.

Mr. James Spigelman

Mr. Spigelman, who is aged 30, was appointed a part-time Member of the A.L.R.C. for three years from September 1976. During 1975, he was Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of the Media. At Sydney University he received the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. He secured Honours in Economics, First Class Honours in Government and First Class Honours with University Medal in Law. Mr. Spigelman practised as a solicitor with a large firm of commercial lawyers in Sydney until he was appointed as Private Secretary, Senior Adviser and later Principal Private Secretary during the Prime Ministership of the Hon. E.G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P. He is the author of "Secrecy - Political Censorship in Australia" and of a number of articles on the reform of the law. At present he is working full time on several A.L.R.C. projects.

The Hon. Frank Walker, M.L.A.

The new Attorney-General for New South Wales, Mr. Walker M.L.A., has already made a significant mark on law reform. First elected to the New South Wales Parliament in 1970, he holds the degrees of LL.B. and LL.M. within Sydney University. When elected to the Ministry and appointed Attorney-General for New South Wales, Mr. Walker transferred from the Roll of Solicitors to the Bar. His admission was moved by the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Neville Wran, Q.C. Within a few weeks of appointment, Mr. Walker has established a Criminal Law Review Division, set up an inquiry on bail reform, given the N.S.W.L.R.C. a major reference on reform of the Legal Profession and committed the Government to implementation of many outstanding N.S.W.L.R.C. recommendations.

The Hon. W.D. Lickiss, M.L.A.

The new Attorney-General for Queensland, Mr. Lickiss, took over the portfolio on 13 August 1976 replacing the Hon. W.E. Knox who has been appointed Deputy Premier and Treasurer of Queensland. Mr. Lickiss was formerly Minister for Survey. He was educated in Sydney and has been a Member of the Queensland Parliament since 1963. Mr. Knox took an active interest in law reform. He called attention to the problem of stop writs in defamation proceedings. These observations are under study in the A.L.R.C. in connection with its Defamation Reference.

[1976] Reform 80

The Hon. Mr. Justice C.L.D. Meares

The Hon. Mr. Justice Meares, in order to resume his duties as a Judge of the Supreme Court, has resigned his office as Chairman of the N.S.W.L.R.C. His resignation will take effect from 30 November 1976. His Honour was appointed Q.C. in 1954. He was President of the N.S.W. Bar Association 1952-63 and of the Australian Bar Association 1963-4. After two skirmishes as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (1967, 1968) he was appointed to that Court in 1969 but thereafter continued to take an active part in many important State and national committees. He was appointed Chairman of the Australian Government's Expert Group on Road Safety in 1972. In the same year he assumed office as Chairman of the N.S.W.L.R.C. but also took on, in 1973, with Sir Owen Woodhouse of New Zealand, Membership of the National Rehabilitation and Compensation Committee of Inquiry. He was recently appointed President of the Courts-Martial Appeal Tribunal. His extraordinary energy initiated the meetings of the Australian Law Reform Agencies Conference, of which three have now been held. In his writings and actions, he gave impetus to the movement for uniform laws in Australia.

Mr. Roger Court

Mr. Court has been appointed Head of the new N.S.W. Criminal Law Review Division. The Division will have the responsibility continuously to overhaul the State's criminal laws. There is no exactly equivalent position elsewhere in Australia. Mr. Court graduated with Honours in Law at Sydney University. After practising as a solicitor for a time he was admitted to the N.S.W. Bar on 30 April 1965. He spent some time in private practice before being appointed in 1972 as a Public Defender. In this position he soon built up a formidable reputation as a specialist in criminal law. He has served as a Member of the N.S.W. Bar Council. He has also taken some part in local government in Sydney.

Dr. M. Crommelin

During the absence of Professor Harold Luntz on study leave, Dr. Michael Crommelin will act as Secretary of the V.C.J.C. for one year from August 1976. He is aged 30 and is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Melbourne. Dr. Crommelin graduated B.A., LL.B.(Qld) taking the LL.B. with First Class Honours. In 1971 Queensland University awarded him the James Cook Travelling Scholarship which took him to the University of British Columbia. He took the degrees of LL.M. and Ph.D. within that University. Since 1975 he has been a Member of the V.C.J.C.

Professor H. Luntz

The Secretary of the V.C.J.C., Professor Luntz, has been appointed to the George Paton Chair of Law within Melbourne University. He is the first appointee to the Chair. Professor Luntz graduated in law from the University of Witwatersrand and Oxford University. He was a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Witwatersrand from 1962 to 1965 when he joined the staff of Melbourne University as a Senior Lecturer. He held this appointment until July 1971 when he was appointed a Reader in Law. Professor Luntz contributes regularly to the A.L.J. He is the author of the pioneering Australian text *Assessment of Damages* 1974.

Mr. G.N. Williams

The appointment has been announced of Mr. G.N. Williams to be a part-time Member of the Q.L.R.C. Mr. Williams received his education in Queensland. He holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. each with first class honours within Queensland University. Before his admission to the Bar in May 1962 he was Associate to Gibbs J., then a Member of the Supreme Court of Queensland. At the Bar he has practised extensively in civil work, particularly commercial matters. He has been a part-time lecturer in family law at Queensland University and is still a part-time lecturer in Practice. He has served as a Member of the Committee of the Queensland Bar Association. The appointment of Mr. P.R. Smith as a Member of the Q.L.P.C. has been terminated.



Sydney.

8 October 1976.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Attorney-General, his Department or the Commission. Correspondence, information and views should be addressed to G.P.O. Box 3708, Sydney, N.S.W., 2001 (Telephone 02-231-1733 (Sydney)).

The Law
Reform
Commission