

: Discussion Paper on Wills: Substantial Compliance, 1984. Project No 26 Part 1.

## Canada

CLRC : Working Paper on Defamatory Libel, 1984. WP 35

BCLRC : Study Paper on the Office of the Sheriff, 1983 (by G Turriff and E Edinger).

## Manitoba

LRC : Report on Medical Privilege, 1983. No 56

## Ontario

LRC : Report on the Law of Trusts, 2 vols, 1984.

SLRC : Report on Proposals for a New Coroners Act, 1984.  
: Report on Proposals for Restoring Civil Remedies Lost Upon Forfeiture Under the Automobile Accident Insurance Act, 1984.  
: Tentative Proposals for Reform of the Matrimonial Property Act, 1984.

## Fiji

FLRC : Issues Paper on Imprisonment and Community Based, Alternatives to Imprisonment — Some Proposals for Reform, 1984. No 7.

## Ireland

ILRC : Report on Nullity of Marriage, 1984. No 9.  
: Working Paper on Recognition of Foreign Divorces and Legal Separations, 1984. WP 11.

## New Zealand

NZPLERC : Interim Report on Legislation Relating to Landlord & Tenant, 1983.

## South Africa

SALC : Report on the Review of the Law of Admiralty, 1983.  
: Working Paper on Law of Succession: Interstate Succession, 1983. WP 2  
: Working Paper on Law of Trusts, 1983. WP 3

## United Kingdom

Law Com : Report on Contracts: Minors' Contracts, 1984. No 134.

Scot Law Com

: Report on Private International Law: Recognition of Foreign Nullity Decrees & Related Matters, 1984. No 137.

: Report on Family Law: Report on Matrimonial Property, 1984. No 86.

: Consultative Memorandum, Mobbing & Rioting, 1984. No 60.

## United States of America

Calif LRC : Recommendation Relating to Recording Severance of Joint Tenancy, 1984.

: Recommendation Relating to Provision for Support if Support Obligor Dies, 1984.

: Tentative Recommendation Relating to Abandoned Easements, 1984.

: Tentative Recommendation Relating to Protection of Mediation Communications, 1984.

: Tentative Recommendation Relating to Durable Powers of Attorney, 1984.

: Tentative Recommendation Relating to Distribution Under a Will or Trust, 1984.

: Discussion Draft Relating to Effect of Adoption or Out of Wedlock Birth on Rights at Death, 1984.

## new references

ALRC : Under the Community Law Reform Program for the ACT there is a further Reference : Occupier's Liability.

NTLRC:

: Interpretation Act — the desirability of including specific provisions in this Act in relation to:

- a) An obligation that, in interpreting legislation a construction which would promote the purpose or objection underlying an Act is to be preferred to a construction that would not promote that purpose or object.
- b) An obligation or a discretion that any material not forming part of an Act, which is capable of assisting in the ascertainment of the meaning or the purpose of the Act, may or must be given consideration or construing particular provisions of the Act and, if so, the nature of such extrinsic material and the circumstances in which it may or should be considered.

VLRC

: Burden of proof — to report upon the circumstances in which it is appropriate to impose the burden of proof upon the defendant in a criminal matter and upon rules of construction and procedure which should apply when this is done.

: Australian Constitutional Convention — Committee is to examine and report on recommendations for constitutional change made by Standing Committee of the Australian Constitutional Convention and its sub-committees and reports of Australian Constitutional Convention its Standing Committee and the sub-committees.

WALRC

: The Commission has a new reference on Pawnbrokers Act 1860-1973. Project No 81.

## what's going on in the LRC's

### Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

- *Insolvency*: WIH under Mr Ron Harmer. First Meeting of the Division held in November. Issues Paper to be published early 1985.
- *Service & Execution of Process*. Research Paper program completed. Division now considering revised proposals with a view to distribution of a Discussion Paper in first half of 1985.
- *Contempt of Court*. WIH under Professor Michael Chesterman. First Discussion Paper and report on survey of judges and magistrates expected early 1985. Report is due late 1985 or early 1986.

- *Debt Recovery*. WIH under part-time Commissioner Professor David Kelly. Draft chapters of report being prepared. Report expected early 1985.
- *Privacy/Sentencing: Expungement of Criminal Records*. WIH under Professor Robert Hayes. Report due 1985.
- *Admiralty Jurisdiction Law*. WIH under Professor James Crawford. Public seminars to be held February 1985.
- *Standing*. Draft report being revised under Professor Michael Chesterman. Expected early 1985.
- *Evidence*. WIH under part-time Commissioner Mr TH Smith. Interim Report expected early 1985.
- *Sentencing*. Following the revival of this reference in mid-1984, consultations in relation to the Interim Report ALRC 15 and work on the research program for Stage II are proceeding under the direction of Mr George Zdenkowski.
- *Class Actions*. Project to be revived under Professor Michael Chesterman mid-1985. Report expected early 1986.
- *Community Law Reform in the Australian Capital Territory*. Report on Fatal Accidents, Loss of Consortium and Contributory Negligence are being prepared by Consultant Mr Nicholas Seddon, due 1985. New reference on Occupier's Liability.
- *Aboriginal Customary Law*. WIH under Professor James Crawford, Part-time Commissioner. Draft report being prepared final report due early 1985.
- *Domestic Violence in the Australian Capital Territory*. Consultative document published, final report being prepared by Consultant Mr Nicholas Seddon and due in 1985.
- *Matrimonial Property Law*. WIH in Canberra under Professor David Hambly. Discussion Paper due March 1985.

### New South Wales Law Reform Commission (NSW LRC)

- *Criminal Procedure*. WIH.
- *Artificial Conception*. Working Paper on Artificial Insemination by Donor is released and submissions called for. Work is now progressing on a WP on In Vitro Fertilization — a further part of the reference.
- *Community Law Reform Program*.
  - *Jury Service*. A report expected to be released shortly.
  - *Execution, Attestation and Revocation of Wills*. Draft report is being prepared.
  - *Garnishment of Building Society and Credit Union Accounts*. Draft report being prepared.
  - *Limitation of Actions*. WIH.
  - *Recording and Televising of Proceedings of Courts and Commission*. WIH.