

history honours degree at the University of New South Wales. Marianne Christmann left the Commission to join the Ombudsman's office as an Investigation Officer. Ms Christmann worked as a legal officer from April 1990 to April 1991. While at the Commission, she worked on Statutory Wills, Criminal Procedure and Unilateral Severance of Joint Tenancies.

VLCC

The position of Assistant Executive Officer is currently vacant, due to the unexpected death of Andreas van Eerten in March. The position has recently been advertised and will be filled shortly.

VLRC

Ted Wright joined the Commission as full-time Commissioner in March. He had been a valued con-

sultant on the contract law codification project, and brings extensive experience and expertise in corporate and commercial law.

WALRC

Mr R Le Miere has been re-appointed to the Commission for a term of 1 year. Dr J Thomson was re-elected Chairman for a period of six months starting on 18 May 1991 and finishing on 17 November 1991. □

The lawyers reform association

The Lawyers Reform Association is a group of lawyers who have the aim of promoting law reform and a more just and equitable legal system.

The Association was formed in 1989 when Justice Michael Kirby, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, chaired their inaugural public meeting.

Their objectives include the elimination of unjust discrimination in the provision of legal aid and in the administration of justice, promoting the demystification of the law and access to legal information, agitation for the protection and advancement of human rights, the protection of the environment, and the promotion of informed debate among lawyers and the community generally.

Their members include practising barristers and solicitors, academics, members of the judiciary, law students, and government lawyers. They have a current membership of about 250, which is slowly, but steadily, increasing.

They publish a regular Bulletin, which is circulated to members and other interested persons. The June 1991 issue contains articles about

- their enquiry into the NSW prison system
- sentences for drug traffickers
- barristers and legal aid
- NSW Subordinate Legislation Act
- reviewing government legal services.

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