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# PERSONALIA

## ALRC

The appointments of **Greta Bird**, **Paulo Totaro** and **Nicholas Seddon** as part-time members of the Commission have expired. Greta Bird and Paulo Totaro have been appointed as consultants to assist the Commission on multiculturalism. Nicholas Seddon was first appointed to the Commission in 1985 and has been the Commissioner in charge of the Divisions which produced three reports on Community Law Reform in the Australian Capital Territory plus ALRC 30, *Domestic Violence* 1986; ALRC 42, *Occupiers' Liability*, 1988; ALRC 50, *Informed Decisions about Medical Procedures*, 1989; and ALRC 52, *Guardianship and Management of Property*, 1989. The Community Law Reform reports are ALRC 28 — *Contributing Negligence in Fatal Accident Cases and Breach of Statutory Duty Cases and Funeral Costs in Fatal Accident Cases* 1985; ALRC 32 — *Loss of Consortium and Compensation for Loss of Capacity to do Housework*, 1986; and ALRC 47 — *Enduring Powers of Attorney*, 1988. Each of these reports has been implemented by Government except ALRC 50 which we understand will be implemented in the future. Nicholas Seddon is Reader in Law and Associate Dean, of the Law Faculty at the Australian National University.

**Chris Sidoti** has been appointed as a full-time member of the ALRC for a five-year term from 17 February 1992. Before his appointment he was the Secretary of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and has had broad experience in public policy issues in the social justice and human rights fields. From 1982 to 1985 he was the National Secretary, Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace and Associate Secretary from 1978 to 1982. He has also practised as a solicitor in Dawson Waldron, Sydney.

**Leigh Hall** has been appointed as a part-time member of the Commission until 31 December 1992. Mr Hall is working on the review of prescribed interests and other collective investments

schemes, which is being undertaken jointly by the ALRC and the Companies and Securities Advisory Committee, of which he is also a member. Mr Hall is Chief Manager, Investment Operations, of the Australian Mutual Provident Society.

**James Armitage** has been appointed a part-time member of the Commission to 31 December 1992. He is a senior partner in the Sydney law firm Blake, Dawson Waldron and is working on the reference on prescribed interests and other collective investment schemes.

**The Hon Justice Peter Nygh** of the Family court of Australia has been reappointed as a part-time member to 31 December 1993. Justice Nygh has been a part-time member of the Commission since February 1989. He is working on Federal and Territory choice of law rules, multiculturalism and children's evidence by video link.

**Russell Agnew** was appointed as Project Manager on 23 July 1991. He manages the team conducting the joint ALRC/CASAC review of prescribed interests and other collective investment schemes. He holds an honours degree in Economic and a degree in Law.

Prior to joining the ALRC, Russell spent five years in the NSW Treasury and Premier's Department. He was responsible for advising the Premier on economic and legal issues relating to the State's financial institutions — GIO, and State Bank, and the State's non-bank financial institutions. He was also Secretary of the Finance Industry Consultative Council, chaired by the Premier.

Immediately prior to joining the Commission, Russell was the Director of the Government Trading Enterprises Reform Unit where he was responsible for the development and implementation of the State's corporation program.

Senior Law Reform Officer, **Belinda Wells**, left the Commission's staff in December to work for the South Australian Solicitor General John Doyle QC.

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## CASAC

Seven new members have been appointed to the Companies and Securities Advisory Committee.

The Committee was established under the *Australian Securities Commission Act 1989* to advise the Minister and the Government on the operation and administration of the national companies and securities scheme.

Convenor of the Committee, Mr Mark Burrows, has been re-appointed along with Mr Leigh Hall who is also a part-time member of the ALRC (see above), Mr Kevin Driscoll CBE and Mr Wayne Lonergan for a further term of two years.

The new members are:

- Ms Ann McCallum of Garraway and Partners, Chartered Accountants Darwin;
- Mr John Barner of Coles Myer Limited;
- Professor Philip Brown of the University of Western Australia;
- Mr David Crawford of KPMG Peat Marwick, Melbourne;
- Mr Alan McGregor AO of FH Faulding & Co Limited, Adelaide;
- Mr Mark Rayner of CRA Limited; and
- Mr Andrew Turnbull of Burns Philp and Company, Melbourne.

They join Deputy Convenor Mr Don Argus, of the National Bank, Mr Reg Barrett of Westpac Sydney, Mr William Gurry of William Gurry Associates Melbourne and Chairman of the ASC, Mr Tony Hartnell (ex officio) who are serving on the committee.

## AAT

On 19 June 1991, the Attorney-General announced the appointment to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of twenty nine part-time members, each of which is for a five year period or until the appointee reaches the age of 70, whichever occurs first. They are Dr C Baker, Mr J Brassil AM, Dr J Campbell, Mr I Campbell MC, Dr E Christie, Dr D Coffey, Prof R Elmslie, Dr D Elsum AM, Brig C Ermert, Ms G Ettinger, Mr R Gillham, Dr J Hancock, Rear Admiral A Horton AO, Assoc Prof S Hotop, Prof G Johnston, Prof R Joske, Mr H Julian DSC, Dr K Kennedy OBE, Vice Admiral D Leach AC CBE, Brig R Lloyd OBE MC, Mr J McAuley, Mr W McLean, Prof G Parker, Prof T Reeve CBE, Miss E Shanahan, Ms P Smith, Prof B Smithurst, Mr G Stanford, Mr A Terrell.

Mr Duffy also announced the re-appointment of Mr CG Woodard as a part-time members of the Tribunal.

On 26 August the Attorney-General announced the appointment of the Hon Dr DJ Grimes and Mr BA Barbour as full-time senior members, and Mr LS Katz as a part-time member. On 25 September 1991, Mr Duffy announced the appointment of Mr D Davies as a part-time member.

## NSWLRC

The terms of Mr Hal Sperling QC and Professor Brent Fisse as part-time Commissioners expired in October 1991. They have been re-appointed for a 12 month term.

Ms Leonie Armstrong joined the Commission as a legal officer in August 1991. Ms Armstrong has degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney and is currently completing a Master of Laws course. She was formerly Associate to Justice Beaumont in the Federal Court and worked for two years at Malleson Stephen Jaques.

Ms Stephanie East was appointed as legal officer with the Commission in October 1991. Ms East has degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney and has previously worked in legal publishing and as a solicitor with Rosenblum and Partners.

Ms Fiona Manning joined the Commission as a legal officer in October 1991. Ms Manning has degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney and previously worked as a solicitor with Clayton Utz and in the Legislation and Policy Division of the Attorney-General's Department.

Ms Astrid Eggins commenced work at the Commission as a Legal Consultant in October 1991. Ms Eggins has degrees in Economics and Law from the University of Sydney and previously worked as a solicitor with Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Mr Mathew Burgess is working at the Commission as a short-term legal consultant. Mr Burgess graduated from Queens College, Cambridge in 1989 and completed his Law Society final examination at Nottingham Polytechnic Law School. He has formerly worked with the Law Commission in England and the Ontario Law Reform Commission.

Mr Horance Lam joined the Commission as a part-time consultant. Mr Lam is a law student at the University of New South Wales and works one day a week at the Commission.

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Professor Peter B Kutner from the University of Oklahoma spent his sabbatical (July/August 1991) at the Commission. Professor Kutner has published widely in the area of tort law. He assisted the Commission in a number of its projects, especially the law of contribution and provisional damages.

Ms Helen Cunningham left the Commission to join the Judicial Commission in August 1991. She worked at the Commission as a senior legal officer for approximately 12 months. Her major project was the law of contribution.

### **NTLRC**

His Honour Justice Brian Martin has resigned as Chairman (see [1991] *Reform* 35 for details of Justice Martin's career).

His Honour Justice Dean Mildren was appointed Chairman of the Committee on 24 July. Justice Mildren was appointed Queen's Counsel for the Northern Territory on 16 November 1983, and for South Australia on 8 September 1988. He was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory on 28 June 1991.

He has been President of the Northern Territory Bar Association since December 1987 and Vice-President of the Australian Bar Association 1989-1990. He was a member of the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee 1979-1984.

During 1991, Ian Maughan and Ted Rowe resigned as member of the Committee and Margaret Orwin and Barbara Murphy have been appointed.

### **TasLRC**

In August 1991, Professor Don Chalmers was appointed to the position of Law Reform Commissioner of Tasmania. He is presently the Head of the Department of Law at the University of Tasmania. He gained his Law degree with Honours at University College, London in 1972 and he was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the National and Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea. In addition, he is also a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council; and is a member of the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania. Professor Chalmers was previously a Commissioner of the multi-member Tasmanian Law Reform Commission from 1982-1987. Professor Chalmer replaces the Hon HE Cosgrove QC, who retired as Law Reform Commissioner in February 1991 (see [1991] *Reform* 36).

### **VLCC**

The vacant position of Assistant Executive Officer has been filled with the appointment of Helen Roberts. There have been no other changes to the staff since the last issue of *Reform*. □