

**ALRC**

**Justice Elizabeth Evatt AO** retired as President of the Commission on 10 November 1993. (See page 4.)



*Deputy President Sue Tongue (left) welcomed to the ALRC by retiring President, Justice Elizabeth Evatt AO*

**Sue Tongue** has been appointed Deputy President of the ALRC until September 1996. At the time of her appointment Sue Tongue was a senior manager with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as well as Deputy Chair of the Australian Consumers Council. She combines wide ranging experience in government legal areas, tertiary educational institutions and private legal practice. As an Assistant Secretary with the Department of Social

Security Sue Tongue worked on the child support scheme and equal opportunity issues. Before that she was Ministerial Adviser to the then Attorney-General Senator Gareth Evans. Her consultative experience includes working as Ministerial Nominee on the General Insurance Claims Review Panel and, since 1986, consultant to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission on sex discrimination. She was a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Ethics and Public Policy at Monash University. Before that she was lecturer and tutor in Torts and Introduction to Law at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

**Stephen Mason** left the Commission in October 1993 to join Blake Dawson Waldron solicitors as Special Counsel in their Sydney office. Until October he had been a full time member of the ALRC. Before his appointment as a full time Commissioner in 1992 he was Secretary and Director of Research of the ALRC from 1986 to 1992; Legislative Counsel 1981 to 1986; and Assistant Legislative Counsel from 1980 to 1981.

**Justice Elizabeth Evatt** has been appointed a part time member of the Commission to work on the *Equality before the law* reference. Joining her on the *Equality* reference are three new part time Commissioners, **Professors Hilary Charlesworth, Regina Graycar and Jennifer Morgan.**

**Hilary Charlesworth** is Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Bachelor in Laws from the University of Melbourne and a Doctor of Juridical Science from Harvard Law School.

Professor Charlesworth was previously an Associate with the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell and a Human Rights Fellow with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva. She has been a member or consultant on numerous professional bodies and community organisations including the National Women's Consultative Committee.

**Regina Graycar** is Associate Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales. She holds a Bachelor in Laws (Hons), University of Adelaide and Masters in Laws, Harvard University.

Professor Graycar has previously been a consultant to the National Committee on Violence Against Women, a policy adviser with the Australian Council of Social Service and a consultant to the New South Wales Law Reform Commission's Accident Compensation Reference and Legal Profession Inquiry. She is co-author of *The Hidden Gender of Law*.

**Jennifer Morgan** is Associate Professor of Law, University of Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Sydney University, a Bachelor in Laws, University of New South Wales and a Master in Laws, Yale University.

Professor Morgan was previously a senior lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Melbourne, a senior tutor at the Faculty of Law of Monash University and a research officer with the Law Foundation of New South Wales. She has been a consultant or a member of the *Legal Service Bulletin* Cooperative and the New South Wales Premier's Task Force on domestic Violence. She is co-author of *The Hidden Gender of Law* and *Community Justice Centres: A Report on the NSW Pilot Project*.

**Brent Fisse** was appointed a part time member of the Commission in September 1993. His term expires in August 1994. Brent Fisse has been a Professor of Law at the University of Sydney since 1985. He was Dean of the University of Adelaide Law School and Bicentennial Fellow in Criminal Law and Administration at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Fisse has published widely and has acted as consultant to companies and law firms on liability control systems and issues of compliance in corporate regulation, including companies and securities offences, trade practices, consumer protection law, confiscation of proceeds of crime and environmental law. He is also a part time member of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission.

**Dr Rowena Daw**, a lecturer in law at the University of Technology, Sydney, is working as consultant on the *Equality before the law* reference. Dr Daw is coordinating the writing of the interim report which is due in January. She also made a substantial contribution to the Commission's report on *Choice of Law (ALRC 58)*.

Also joining the *Equality* team in December and January is **Ania Wilczynski**. Ania has just returned from Cambridge where she completed her PhD in criminology. She will be assisting with the completion of the interim report.

Fresh from being sworn in, **Alexis Brajtman** and **Ursula Armstrong** joined the Commission as research assistants, having spent the first six months of the year at the College of Law. Before that they were at the University of New South Wales completing their BA LLBs. Ms Brajtman is researching *Designs Legislation* and Ms Armstrong is assisting on the *Equality* reference.

**Sture Rygaard** is on temporary assignment from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark where he is in the final year of his LLM studies. He joined the *Designs* team in July this year and returns to Denmark next February. He had previously worked for three years with the Parliamentary Ombudsman in Denmark.

**Maggie Wilson** has been organising the Commission's public consultations for the child care program of the review of legislation administered by the Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services. Maggie Wilson had previously worked as Information Officer at Penrith Family Resource Centre, and before that as Projects Co-ordinator at the Pearl Watson Foundation.

## New South Wales Law Reform Commission

Two new legal officers, Mr Bruce Fischer and Ms Saku Akmeemana, commenced in June this year. Mr Fischer is a graduate in Law from the University of NSW and was recently admitted as a solicitor. In his former life he was a professional musician. Ms Akmeemana has degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney. Before joining the Commission she was a solicitor with Freehill Hollingdale and Page and was a tutor at the University of Sydney Law School.

Ms Cathy Sherry has re-joined the Commission as a legal officer. Ms Sherry formerly worked at the Commission as a paralegal before leaving to complete the final year of her law degree at the University of London. She is now working on the Commission's review of the Adoption of Children Act 1965.

Part time Commissioner Richard Chisholm, formerly an Associate Professor of Law at the University of NSW, has been appointed a judge of the Family Court of Australia. Justice Chisholm is an acknowledged expert in the area of family law and the law relating to children. He has published extensively in these areas of law. Justice Chisholm was the commissioner in charge of the Commission's Review of the Adoption Information Act 1990 and is currently supervising the Commission's review of the Adoption of Children Act 1965.

## ACT Community Law Reform Committee

Mrs Bettie McNee, who had been a member of the CLRC for three years, did not seek reappointment to the Committee because of other commitments.

Two new appointments have been made to the Committee: Dr Rosalie Balkin (the ACT Discrimination Commissioner) and Ms Alice Tay (a practising solicitor and Law Society office bearer).

Kate Waterhouse is continuing to direct the Law Reform Unit in the absence of Peter Quinton who has been temporarily transferred to direct another section of the Department. Margie Rowe, who was previously with the ACT Legal Aid Commission, has been appointed senior legal officer with the Unit.

## Ex-Chairman of the ALRC appointed to Cambodia Human Rights Post



*Justice Michael Kirby CMG*

Justice Michael Kirby CMG has been appointed Special Representative on Human Rights in Cambodia of the Secretary General of the United Nations. The Secretary General, Dr Boutros Ghali, approved Justice Kirby's appointment on 28 November this year.

It is a part time post, designed to provide information to the Secretary General and, through him, to the United Nations, on progress in the constitutional reforms in Cambodia concerned with observance of human rights.

Justice Kirby is President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal and a former Chairman of the ALRC. He has held a number of international posts in the International Labour Organisation, the Global Commission on AIDS of the World Health Organisation, UNESCO and the OECD. He is also Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva.

Justice Kirby visited Cambodia in July to take part in the training of their judges. Most of their predecessors were either killed or sent into exile during the Pol Pot regime. He will probably visit Cambodia several times a year.

## Administrative Review Council

Justice Douglas Drummond has been appointed a Presidential Member of the Tribunal. He also has a standing appointment as acting President which is activated, for example, when the President is overseas.

## Victorian Parliament Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee

This parliamentary committee includes backbench members from both Houses and all parties represented in the Victorian Parliament. The membership is:

Mr Victor Perton MP (Chairperson)  
The Hon BAE Skeggs MLC (Deputy Chairperson)  
The Hon Louise Asher MLC  
Mr KS Jasper MP  
The Hon TW Roper MP  
Mr MH Thompson MP  
Mr JW Thwaites MP.

Ms Carol Foley, a temporary senior legal adviser, has replaced Tanya Coleman who has been granted special leave by the Committee until August 1994. Ms Foley is an assistant lecturer in constitutional and administrative law at Monash University.

Other staff attached to the Committee are:

Helen Roberts, assistant executive officer  
Heather Holt, head of the Inquiry into the Subordinate Legislation Act  
Helen Mason, temporary research officer on Regulations

Celia Tikotin, attached officer from the Department of Justice heading up the Inquiry into the Equal Opportunity Act 1984  
Krysti Guest, temporary assistant to Ms Tikotin  
Richard Kings, office manager.

The Committee may be contacted on 03 – 655 6965.

## **Access to Justice Advisory Committee**

The Attorney-General, Michael Lavarch, and the Minister for Justice, Duncan Kerr, have established this Committee to develop proposals to make the justice system cheaper, fairer and more accessible. It will advise the Attorney and the Minister on aspects of the justice system that should be improved as a matter of highest priority. It will review relevant reports on the subject, consider their recommendations, and draw up a set of priorities for the Commonwealth to implement.

The Committee's Chairman is Ronald Sackville, QC of the New South Wales Bar. Its members are Colin Brown, Director, Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania, Heather Carmody, Director, World Competitive Practices Pty Ltd, Seamus Dawes, Merchant Banker, Ord Minnett, Gillian Moon, Consumer Affairs Consultant and lawyer, Colin Neave, Director, Legal Aid Commission of NSW, Professor Marcia Neave, School of Law, Melbourne University, Clare Petre, Principal Policy Officer, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Professor David Weisbrot, Dean-Elect, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Ted Wright, Special Consultant, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland, Stephen Skehill, Deputy Secretary, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra.

## **New appointments**

### *Federal Court*

Dr Christopher Carr has been appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia with effect from 13 December 1993. Justice Carr's appointment will

fill an additional judicial position created by an increasing Corporations Law workload.

Since 1977, Justice Carr has practised as a barrister and solicitor in private practice. He has considerable experience in commercial areas with particular emphasis on restrictive trade practices and taxation. For the past 15 years he has been a part time senior lecturer in Restrictive Trade Practices at the University of Western Australia Law School. Justice Carr appeared as counsel in most jurisdictions including the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court of Australia.

He will be based in Perth.

### *Family Court of Australia*

Mrs Sally Brown has been appointed a Judge of the Family Court of Australia with effect from 23 November 1993.

Justice Brown is the former Chief Magistrate of Victoria. Prior to her appointment as a magistrate, she had seven years at the Victorian Bar, specialising in family law and criminal matters. She is keenly interested in gender issues and recently attended a train-the-trainer gender awareness program conducted by the Western Judicial Education Centre in Vancouver. She is a Member of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) Council and the Gender Awareness Committee of the AIJA.

She will be based in Melbourne.

### *Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

Mr Alan Michael Blow, a part time senior member of the Tribunal, has been appointed part time Deputy President following the retirement on 17 October 1993 of former Deputy President Jennings, QC.

Mr Blow's appointment is for a five-year period with effect from 18 November 1993.