

## From the Editor...

For this issue, 'On the Bench: perspectives on judging', *Reform* approached judges and magistrates from a number of courts across Australia. The brief was to discuss the challenges and rewards of working in their particular jurisdictions.

The result is an interesting mix of articles – beginning on page 6 – discussing issues such as communication and judges' abilities to gauge whether witnesses are truthful, as well as insights into several specialist courts, such as the NSW Drug Court and Children's Court.

This 'bumper' size of this issue of *Reform* reflects the full workload of the ALRC in its 25th Anniversary year. There's a report on the ALRC's *Managing Justice* conference and anniversary celebrations (page 58), and updates on the three references in progress (page 41). As well, work on a fourth reference is about to begin (see 'Comment', page 1 and 'Commission News', page 2).

*Reform* also continues to concentrate on its clearinghouse role, providing one of its largest ever updates of the work of local and international law reform agencies, beginning on page 117. I hope you enjoy the Spring 2000 edition of *Reform*.

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