

Kong, introduces his analysis of the Constitution of Hong Kong with some interesting information on constitutions and constitutional law generally including types of constitutions, sources of constitutional law, constitutional interpretation, validity, judicial review and constitutional ideology.

The book gives a comprehensive account and analysis of the colonial history of Hong Kong, the sources of its constitutional law, the general characteristics of Hong Kong's constitution as well as significant recent developments such as the promulgation of the Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ('the Basic Law') and the enactment of the Bill of Rights in 1991. The Basic Law will come into effect on 1 July 1997. Wesley-Smith says that not all the current con-

stitution is 'doomed to extinction' when the British leave Hong Kong in 1997 and that the common law is to survive the transition and 'will supply a good deal of the broad constitution which is destined to supplement and condition the Basic Law.'

The book also outlines the judicial and legislative institutions in Hong Kong as well as the development of Administrative Law and gives a comprehensive account of the various rights and freedoms possessed by residents of Hong Kong.

Wesley-Smith says that unlike the first edition of the book, published in two volumes in 1987 and 1988 this edition is a 'more conventional textbook and will perhaps prove congenial to a wider readership.'

PERSONALIA

New Attorney-General

On 8 March 1996 the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP, announced the appointment of Mr Daryl Williams AM QC MP as Attorney-General and Minister for Justice. Mr Williams was also appointed to the National Security, Parliamentary Business and Legal Affairs Committees of Cabinet. The Council congratulates Mr Williams on his appointment.

Mr Williams has a distinguished background in the legal profession. He holds a law degree from the University of Western Australia and was selected as WA Rhodes Scholar in 1965. He subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Civil Law degree at Oxford University in 1967.

After working in Manila for the Asian Development Bank between 1971 and 1975 Mr Williams returned to Perth and joined the Western Australian Independent Bar. In addition to practising law in Western Australia he is admitted to practice in New South Wales and Victoria as well as England and Wales. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1982.

Mr Williams has made a significant contribution to the law and the legal profession. He

was a Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia from 1982 - 1986 and chaired the Commission for a year. He was also President of the Law Society of Western Australia in 1984 and President of the Law Council of Australia in 1986 - 1987. In acknowledgment of his service to the profession Mr Williams was appointed a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1989.

Legal practice gave way to politics in 1993 when Mr Williams was elected to the House of Representatives as the Federal Member for Tangney. During 1993-94 he was Shadow Attorney-General, and Shadow Minister assisting the Leader of the Opposition on Constitutional Reform. He has been a member of the Joint Select Committee on Certain Family Issues and a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs from 1993 to 1996.

The Attorney-General met with Council members on 15 March 1996.

High Court Appointment

The Council congratulates Justice Michael Kirby on his appointment as a judge of the High Court of Australia in December 1995.

Justice Kirby was a founding member of the Council in his position as President of the Australian Law Reform Commission and remained an ex-officio member of the Council until his appointment to the NSW Court of Appeal in 1984. Justice Kirby contributed greatly to the work of the Council in its formative years.

Administrative Review Council

Since the last issue of *Admin Review* Ms Jill Anderson has been appointed to the Council. The Minister for Justice, Duncan Kerr, announcing the appointment in December 1995, said that Ms Anderson brings to the Council extensive knowledge of administrative law and will contribute a valuable community perspective to the Council. Ms Anderson is currently a lecturer in Administrative Law and Litigation at the University of New South Wales. She has a long-standing involvement in community service work and currently holds a number of voluntary positions. These include Principal Policy Resource Co-ordinator, Law and Justice with the Australian Council of Social Service and member of the Management Committee of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service at the Redfern Legal Centre. Ms Anderson is also a Committee member of the New South Wales chapter of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law.

There have recently been two resignations from the Council. Tim Pallas, Assistant Secretary at the Australian Council of Trade Unions and a member of the Council since July 1994, resigned his appointment in March 1996. Ann Sherry, Chief Manager, Workforce, Environment and Planning at Westpac Banking Corporation who was appointed as a member of the Council in October 1995 also resigned in March 1996. The Council thanks both Tim and Ann for their contribution to the Council's work.

In November 1995 Alan Robertson, a member of the Council since May 1992, was appointed Senior Counsel by the NSW Bar Association. Mr Robertson practises primarily in constitutional and administrative law fields

and is a valuable member of the Council. The Council congratulates Alan on his appointment.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Five new Senior Members (part-time) were appointed to the General, Veterans' & Taxation Divisions of the Tribunal and 18 new Members (part-time) were appointed to various Divisions of the Tribunal late in 1995.

The new Senior Members are:

Mr Peter Bayne (ACT)
Mr Julian Block (NSW)
Ms Pamela Burton (ACT)
Ms Wendy Eyre (SA)
Mr Chris Webster (Tas)

The new Members and the Divisions to which they have been assigned are:

General Division:
Ms Ann Cunningham (TAS)
Mr John Woodward (NSW)

General & Veterans' Division:

Mr John Barber (NSW)
Ms Suellen Bullock (NSW)
Mrs Ursula Dahl (SA)
Dr Patricia Fricker (VIC)
Dr Patrick Lynch (NSW)
Dr Joan Lawrence (QLD)
Dr Michael Miller (ACT)
Dr Carolyn Re (VIC)
Ms Fiona Smith (VIC)
Major-General John Stein (QLD)
Dr John Valentine (NSW)

General & Taxation Divisions:

Mr Paul Greenwood (NSW)
Ms Catherine Prime (NSW)
Ms Julie Shead (NSW)
Mr Terry Sheahan (NSW)

General, Veterans' & Taxation Division:

Mr Allan Anforth (ACT)

In addition to the new appointments the following Senior Members and Members were reappointed to the tribunal in late 1995 or early 1996.

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Senior Member (Full-time):

Margaret Lewis General and Veterans' Divisions (NSW)

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