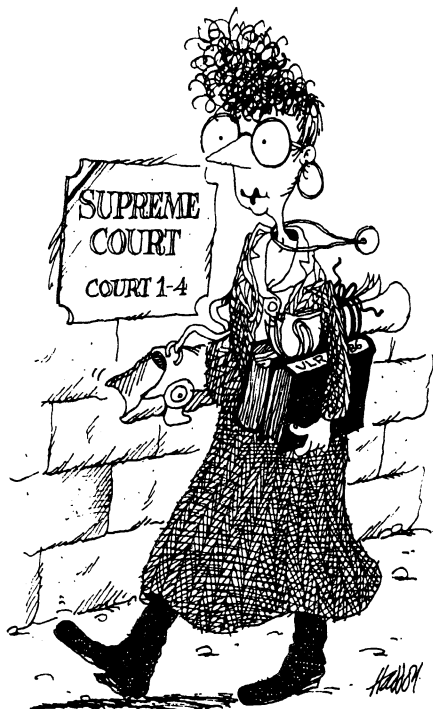


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Migration regulations begin

New regulations for the Migration Reform Act (MRA) 1992 came into force on September 1. The MRA changes the law and policy underlying the processes by which people enter, remain in and leave Australia, and clarifies aspects of the administration of migration legislation. Changes include:

- * Simplifying the legal basis of entry to and stay in Australia;
- * Expanding the opportunities for people to seek a review of migration decisions;
- * Establishing a detailed code of procedure for the processing of visa applications;
- * Modifying appeal rights to the courts;
- * Mandatory detention of unlawful non-citizens;
- * Creation of a system of bridging visas.

In addition to dealing with issues relating to the MRA, the new Migration Regulations incorporate all relevant matters contained in the existing Migration (1993) Regulations and Migration (Review) (1993) Regulations. Several other regulations relative to the start of the MRA have also been devised. The total package includes:

- * The Migration Regulations;
- * The Migration Reform (Transitional Provisions) Regulations;
- * The Migration (Iraq — United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations;
- * The Migration (Yugoslavia) (Serbia and Montenegro — United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations;
- * The Migration (Haiti — United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations;
- * Amendments to the Migration Agents Regulations;
- * Amendments to the Australian Citizenship Regulations;
- * Amendments to the Immigration Education (Charge) Regulations.

Copies of the regulations are available from Australian Government Publishing Service bookshops.

INSURANCE FOR MEDIATORS

Queensland Law Society is offering its members a Group Professional Indemnity policy for mediators. The Society is recommending the coverage, through Suncorp Insurance and Finance via Alexander & Alexander, to members who do not hold a current practising certificate but are providing mediation services. The Law Society of the NT now has details of the scheme plus a sample of the proposal form for interested practitioners. Phone 81 5104 for details.

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REVS forms: new changes

Changes to the existing Register of Encumbered Vehicles (REVS) application forms, to register and vary an interest, have been approved for implementation.

These changes have been necessitated by the agreement between NSW and Victoria to provide reciprocal REVS protection for motor vehicle buyers and credit providers.

The transitional period for the new and old forms will extend until December 31, 1994. As from January 1, 1995, the old forms will be unacceptable for processing.

The Law Society has a copy of the new forms and a general circular sent to all account clients recorded as a credit provider. For new forms contact REVS, PO Box 151, Liverpool NSW 2170. Call (02) 600 0022.