

Peter Forbes from the Financial Review launched Law Week on April 29 with these little gems:

CREDIT

Credit is a system whereby a person who can't pay gets another person who can't pay to guarantee that he can pay (Charles Dickens)

DEBT

Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt (Herbert Hoover)

GOVERNMENT

Once businessmen are appointed to public office, they run the Government like nobody's business (Anon)

JUDGES

Judges, like the criminal classes, have their lighter moments (Oscar Wilde)

JUSTICE

There is no such thing as justice — in or out of court (Clarence Darrow)

JURY

The penalty for laughing in the court room is six months in jail. If it were not for this penalty, the jury would never hear the evidence (H L Mencken)

LAWYER

Someone who rescues your money from your enemies and keeps it for himself (Lord Brougham)

LAWSUIT

I was never ruined but twice, once when I lost a lawsuit and once when I won (Voltaire)

LITIGATION

For certain people, after fifty, litigation takes the place of sex (Gore Vidal)

YES, YOUR HONOUR

Witty rejoinder by barrister to judge (Anon)

ILLEGAL

It is illegal to make liquor privately or water publicly (Attributed to Lord Birkett)

