

## EDITOR'S NOTE

A VARIETY OF FACTORS have thwarted the publication of *Bar News* in recent years. In 1999 the combination of a rush of blood to the editor's head and a new editorial board inspired a return to production. This issue is intended both to bring current events to notice as well as to catch up with some which are more historical. On reviewing the materials received in recent years from authors with more confidence in the editor's reliability in the publication area than warranted by recent performance, it was felt that there were some articles which, though of (relative) antiquity nevertheless warranted publication. Similarly, a number of significant events have occurred since the last edition, both in terms of judicial appointments and, sadly, the passing of legal luminaries. Again, in the interests of conveying an historical perspective, a number of speeches and tributes relating to such events have been included in this issue. It has not been possible to include all speeches on all judicial appointments, nor to pay tribute to all who have left us. Omission of any event or tribute is not intended to be disrespectful.

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