

Law Reform Researchers

Mr. John Karkar has joined the A.L.R.C. research team as a Senior Law Reform Officer. He holds the degree of LL.B.(Hons) from the University of Melbourne where he was a tutor in commercial law during 1975. He is a candidate for LL.M. within that University. Mr. Karkar is a solicitor and has practised in Melbourne before joining the Commission. He has a special interest in Islamic Law and has written a number of papers on this subject.

Mr. Thomas John Bickley has joined the W.A.L.R.C. as a research officer. Born in New Zealand, he graduated in 1970 from the University of Otago as LL.B. He took the degree of LL.M. with first class honours in the same University in 1971. He has worked as a tutor and lecturer in law in New Zealand and practised for a time as a solicitor there.

Ms. Pamela Smith, aged 25, has joined the A.L.R.C. team. She graduated LL.B. from Sydney University, 1975. During 1974-75 she was engaged as a research assistant for Professor J.D. Heydon and Associate Professor D.C. Thomson in that University. She has been working on the Digest project as has Mr. Steven Crawshaw, who has joined the A.L.R.C. as the Chairman's Associate. Mr. Crawshaw holds the degrees of B.Comm. and LL.B. within the University of New South Wales.

Third Law Reform Conference, 1976

The Third Australian Law Reform Agencies Conference will convene in Canberra on 8 May 1976. It will be opened by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Hon. R.J. Ellicott, Q.C., M.P. Participants will hold a Dinner on 8 May 1976, which will be attended by His Excellency the Governor-General. A number of Judges, Ministers and government lawyers in Canberra are expected to attend various functions during the Conference.

A paper containing proposals for the Conference is being circulated by the A.L.R.C. Participants will discuss work in hand and various avenues for co-operation. The question of uniform law reform is also on the provisional agenda for discussion. A number of practical subjects will be debated, including a paper by the A.L.R.C. librarian, Mr. Roy Jordan, concerning library needs and exchange arrangements. The Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, Mr. C.W. Harders, O.B.E. will address delegates and a number of other distinguished speakers have been invited.

The Papua-New Guinea L.R.C. has indicated that a delegation will attend. A representative from New Zealand is also expected. Invitations have been sent out to law reform commissions overseas. Previous Conferences have attracted participants from Canadian commissions.

The project for a Law Reform Digest will be debated at the Conference. The A.L.R.C. has prepared a paper with sample pages of the proposed Digest, designed for use as a research tool to assist law reformers in securing ready access to the work of law reform already completed. The Interim Law Reform Digest is meanwhile being improved with a quarterly supplement of law reform material, and this is presently being distributed together with material on the legislative follow-up of L.R.C. reports.

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