

settlements should be introduced into federal law in order more strictly to define the division of property between divorcing couples. Chief Judge Evatt said that clearer rules for property settlements would make the law more certain, reduce the time and cost of legal proceedings and give many women the security of an immediate legal entitlement to marriage property instead of merely a privilege to apply to the Family Court (*SMH* 22 March 1982).

new reports

Australia

ALRC : *Evid.* : Relevance, 1982.  
      ✓ *RP 7*  
      : *Evid.* : Manner of Giving Evidence, 1982.  
      ✓ *RP 8*  
      : *Sent* : Social Security Offenders, 1982.  
      *RP 9* : See above p. 98  
      : *Sent.* : National Judicial Survey: Final  
      *RP 10* : Technical Report, 1982. See above  
              p. 98.  
NSWLRC: *IP* : Accident Compensation, 1982.  
              See above p. 92.  
      : *31* : Reports on the Legal Profession  
      : : Vol 1 — General Regulation and  
              Structure. See above p. 82.  
      : *32* : Vol 2 — Complaints, Discipline and  
              Professional Standards. see above  
              p. 82.  
      : *IP* : Accident Compensation.  
SALRC : *68* : Report relating to Gaming and  
              Wagering  
      : *69* : Report relating to Group  
              Defamation.  
VLRC : *12* : Provocation and Diminished  
              Responsibility as Defences to  
              Murder, 1982.  
SA : *DP* : Review of the Industrial  
              Conciliation and Arbitration Act,  
              1972-1981, 1982.

Canada

: : Tenth Annual Report 1980-81  
BCLRC : *53* : Report on Distress for Rent.  
      : *54* : Annual Report 1981  
Manitoba  
LRC : : Eleventh Annual Report 1982.  
      : *49* : Report on the Rules Against  
              Accumulations and Perpetuities  
      : *50* : Report on Investment Provisions  
              under The Trustee Act.  
Saskatchewan  
LRC : : Yearly Review 1981.  
      : : Tentative Proposals for an  
              Enforcement of Maintenance  
              Orders Act.

United Kingdom

Law Com : *113* : Sixteenth Annual Report 1980-81  
Scot Law  
Comm : *68* : Report on Bankruptcy and Related  
              Aspects of Insolvency and  
              Liquidation  
      : *CP 1* : Contract Law — Exchange of  
              Standard Terms Forms in Contract  
              Formation Law Reform Proposals.  
      : *CP 2* : Contract Law — Legal Background  
  
Northern  
Ireland  
Queen's  
Univ. of  
Belfast : : Servicing of the Legal System:  
              Annual Report 1980-81.

United States of America

Calif LRC: : Annual Report 1981  
      : : Recommendation relating to  
              Holographic and Nuncupative  
              Wills.  
      : : Recommendation relating to  
              Attachment.

Africa

Zimbabwe  
Advisory  
Com LR : *WP 3* : Civil Imprisonment

new references

Fiji LRC : An initial program was announced in June,  
              1982.. It includes: *Legal Aid and the Duty*  
              *Solicitor scheme, Expunging of criminal*  
              *convictions, Alternatives to imprisonment,*  
              *Strata Title ownership, Divorce, Testate*  
              *succession.*

what's going on in the LRCs?

Australian Law Reform Commision

- *Insurance Contracts.* Draft report with printer. Expected to be tabled Budget sittings of Federal Parliament, 1982.
- *Law Reform Digest.* Manuscript with printer. Publication expected next quarter.
- *Sentencing.* Two new Research Papers issued. Project awaiting resources for completion. See above p. 98.
- *Privacy.* Work in hand (WIH). Professor Hayes held discussion with WALRC in May 1982. Two meetings with Consultants May, June 1982. Draft ALRC Bill being prepared to complement FOI legislation, commencing October 1982. Report expected late 1982, early 1983.

- *Evidence*. WIH. Consultative documents circulating. Further meeting with consultants July 1982. Three further Research Papers issued.
- *Aboriginal Customary Laws*. WIH. Dr. James Crawford has had regional meetings with consultants in the Northern Territory. Further hearings in Alice Springs planned October, 1982. A series of Research Papers is being distributed. Further Discussion Papers planned next quarter.
- *Standing and Class Actions*. WIH. Draft report on Standing being reviewed. Expected late 1982 or early 1983. Class Actions will follow.
- *Debt Recovery*. Project to be revived late 1982, following completion of Insurance report.

#### N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)

- *Legal Profession*. Final Reports 1 and 2 delivered. Third report drafted (Advertising and Specialisation). See above p. 82.
- *Accident Compensation*. WIH. Issues Paper delivered. See above p. 92.
- *Evidence*. Work proceeding in cooperation with the ALRC.
- *De facto Relationships*. Issues Paper circulating. Public meetings held. WIH.
- *Unincorporated Associations*. Report delivered to NSW Attorney-General and now available.
- *Criminal Procedure*. WIH.

#### Northern Territory Law Review Committee (NTLRC)

- *Practice and Procedure*. New Supreme Court Rules. WIH.
- Position of Executive Officer vacant waiting on appointment.

#### New Zealand Law Reform Committees

- See [1982] *Reform* 73. No update reports since last issue.

#### Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission (PNGLRC)

- See [1982] *Reform* 73.

#### Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC)

- See [1982] *Reform* 73. Report #32 on the Supreme Court and Ancillary Acts is in its final stages of preparation.

#### South Australian Law Reform Committee (SALRC)

- *Practice and Procedure*. WIH.
- *Locus Standi*. Report 70 relating to Prisoners Rights. WIH.
- *Real Property*. Mortgages. WIH.
- *Insurance*. Fire Insurance (#52) WIH.
- *Liens*. Workmen's Liens (#64). WIH.

- *Evidence*. (#51). WIH.
- *Crown Proceedings*. WIH.
- *Frustration of Contracts*. WIH.
- *Escheat*. WIH.
- *Perpetuities*. WIH.

#### Tasmanian Law Reform Commission (TasLRC)

- All appointments of Commissioners terminate on 31 July 1982. The approach of the new State Government towards law reform has not yet been made public.
- *Wills*. Draft Report circulating.
- *Boundary Fences, Rape and Other Crimes of Sexual Nature, Rule Against Perpetuities, Compensation for Personal Injuries in Tort*. Reports completed.
- *Variation of Charitable Trusts*. WP under discussion.

#### Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee (VCJC)

- *Occupiers' Liability*. Further consideration being given by full committee.
- *Habeas Corpus Act*. WIH.
- *Hearsay Rule*. Reported to ALRC in connexion with its Evidence Reference.
- *Competence and Compellability*. WIH.
- *Survival of Causes of Action for Personal Injury*. Report adopted and forwarded to Government.
- *Wills for Mentally Disordered Persons*. WIH.
- *Limitation of Actions for Personal Injury (Survival of Actions)*. Report adopted and forwarded to Government.

#### Victorian Law Reform Commissioner (VLRC)

- *Corporate Crime*. WIH.
- *Intoxication and Criminal Responsibility*. WIH.
- *Homicide*. WIH.
- *In Vitro Fertilisation*. Committee meeting frequently. See above p. 107.

#### Victorian Statute Law Revision Committee (VSLRC)

- The Committee has not been reappointed by Parliament since the recent election held in Victoria. Its future is uncertain as *Reform* goes to print.

#### Western Australia Law Reform Commission (WALRC)

- *Privacy*. The WALRC is collaborating with the ALRC. Meeting between Commissioners held in Perth May 1982.
- *Local Courts*. WP on general principles and structure, jurisdiction and administration of local courts to be published soon.
- *Strata Titles*. Report nearing completion.
- *Criminal Process and Mental Disorder*. WP in preparation.
- *Fugitive Fathers*. WIH.
- *Limitation of Actions*. WIH.
- *Expunction of Criminal Records*. WIH.