

## Motions & mentions

### Amnesty International Lawyers Group

There is a Lawyers Group of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Section of Amnesty International.

AI, for those who may be unaware, is "a worldwide movement which works impartially for the release of prisoners of conscience, men and women detained anywhere for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin, religion or language, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence." It opposes torture and capital punishment and advocates fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners. It is an independent organisation financed by subscriptions and has consultative status with the UN and other accreditations.

The Lawyers Group concerns itself generally in the activities of AI and particularly in appeals on behalf of lawyers detained in other countries who qualify for the assistance of AI.

The Group is divided into small sub-groups. The most common task required of individual members (of sub-groups, by rotation) is the writing of letters in urgent appeals for humane treatment of detained or mistreated lawyers, asking they be treated according to the rule of law and the Charter of the UN.

The work is not onerous. There are well-established lines of communication along which readily digestible information is passed, and is occasionally rewarding.

The time of members is not wasted in unproductive meetings.

Anybody interested in joining (there are now about 30 members) should contact the Secretary, Chris Roper, on 439-2099 (The College of Law), DX 838.

### Australian Centre for Intl Commercial Arbitration

The Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration was established in May 1985 by the Institute of Arbitrators Australia, the Law Council of Australia, the Bar Association of Australia and the Victorian State Government.

Lord Roskill has accepted an invitation from the Centre's Board of Directors to become a member of its Panel of International Arbitrators.

### On-Line

The New South Wales Society for Computers and the Law aims to explore the interface between developments in technology and the law. The Society has more than 300 members, making it the largest computer-law society in Australia. Its members include solicitors, barristers, computer consultants and managers.

It holds meetings on the first Wednesday of every month with a variety of local and international speakers from the legal and technical worlds. They are held at the Law Society Conference Rooms, 2nd Floor, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney and alternate between lunchtime and

evening to cater for all members. Attendance in open to non-members and is usually free.

The Society also publishes a newsletter and the proceedings of its meetings.

Membership enquiries should be directed to: David Lewis, (02) 233 1955 or DX 1278 Sydney.

### Coming events

**19-20 May:** Third Annual Seminar on International Banking and Financial Law — Rome. Contact IBA, 2 Harewood Place, London W1R 9HB, Tel (01) 629 1206.

**10 June:** Professor Irving Younger lectures for the Bar Association. See *Bar Notes*.

**13-14 June:** International Financing of Commercial Real Estate. Legal and Business issues. Contact IBA, see above.

**19 June:** Symposium on International Law and Practice. Contact Capital Conferences Pty Ltd, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, Canberra, 2600.

**20 June:** Law Institute of Victoria Annual Dinner. Guest speaker; Professor Irving Younger. Contact Mrs Pat Hogan, GPO Box 263C, Melbourne, 3001. Tel (03) 602 3922.

**2-9 July:** ABA Second Biennial Conference, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. Contact D. Bennett QC, 5/180 Phillip Street, Sydney. Tel (02) 232 8658.

**17-21 August:** International Symposium on Health Law and Ethics, Sydney. Contact Anne Riches, AMA, Box 20, Glebe, NSW 2037. Tel (02) 660 6466 or, to register, Landmark Tours, 18 Cross St, Double Bay, NSW 2028. Tel (02) 328 7864.

**1-3 September:** Current Developments in International Securities, Commodities and Financial Futures Markets, Singapore. Contact Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Kent Ridge, Singapore 0511.

### Changing Rolls

The following persons had their names removed from the Roll of Barristers to the Roll of Solicitors on 14 February 1986:

Shane David SIMPSON  
Garth Justin SYMONDS  
Wayne Lindsay MARLER  
John Emmanuel ROSE (formerly John Triantafyllis)  
Gary Phillip ALLEN  
Michael Joseph DONOHOE  
Carol Frances GOLLDING  
Roger Anthony KIMBELL

The following persons had their names removed from the Roll of Barristers to the Roll of Solicitors on 11 April 1986:

Louis Stuart LIEBERMAN  
John Gerald McMAHON  
Nanette ROGERS