

Motions and Mentions

Academic Review of Admission Boards Course Begins

The Legal Qualifications Committee (LQC) of the Barristers & Solicitors Admission Boards has recently initiated a full-scale academic review of the Admission Boards course. This will be the first such review of the course. The work is to be undertaken by the Centre for Legal Education on behalf of the LQC.

The specific terms of reference are:

To investigate and report on the quality of the Barristers and Solicitors Admission Boards course, including, but not limited to, the learning objectives, course content, teaching approaches, assessment, admission to the course, external studies and administration.

The Sub-Committee is not to address the matter of the course's closure nor the issue of oversupply of lawyers.

More specifically, the review will look at the course's aims, the structure of the course, the content and structure of particular subjects, teaching methods, teaching materials and other resources, procedures for the appointment and review of teachers and examiners, assessment procedures, qualifications for admission to the course and the governance and administration of the course.

The review will include analyses of course documentation, interviews with key people and consideration of submissions received from students, former students, practising lawyers and others.

The LQC sub-committee comprises Professor John Goldring (chairman), Ms Patricia Blazey, Ms Margaret Hole, Mr Bruce Kercher, Mr Phillip O'Toole and Professor Colin Phegan. A panel of consultants has also been appointed comprising Mr Ronald Sackville QC, Ms Jane Levine, Mr David Bowen and Ms Felicity Wardhaugh. They will provide comment on a discussion draft of the final report.

The LQC is inviting submissions from barristers. Any member of the Bar who wishes to make a submission is invited to do so. A set of the full terms of reference should first be obtained from Mr Phillip O'Toole, the Executive Officer of the Admission Boards (telephone 392 0310 fax 392 0315) and submissions made to him by no later than the end of December 1993.

The Centre for Legal Education has already completed several reports for the Admission Boards on the student body of the course.

Two are snapshots of the student body (of over 4,000 students) and the other is a career destinations study of those who completed the course in 1990 and 1991. These reports are generally available and copies can be purchased from the Centre - (telephone 221 3699 fax 221 6280). □

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1994 Red Mass

Mr John McCarthy QC
President, St Thomas More Society
and the Council of the Society
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CELEBRATION OF THE 1994 RED MASS
conducted for the Opening of the 1994 Law Term
to be held in
**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY at 9.00 am,
MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 1994.**



Judicial Procession from Main Doors at 9.00 am.
Arrangements have been made for Judges and Counsel
to robe in the Crypt.

Dress for Senior Counsel: Full Bottomed Wigs
Morning Tea will be served
in the Reception Room after Mass.

Any enquiries contact Ailsa Denton,
Secretary to J A McCarthy QC - telephone 231 1006.

Superannuation 1994 - A National Conference for Lawyers

The Leo Cussen Institute, together with the Law Council of Australia, will be conducting the Annual Superannuation Conference for lawyers from 24th to 26th February 1994 at the Gold Coast, Queensland. Enquiries should be directed to Dianne Rooney Telephone (03) 602 3111 Fax (03) 670 3242.



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