

### **Editorial**

It has been some time since the last edition of the Journal. The delay reflects the impact of a number of factors. First, increasing pressure on insurance professionals to contribute to updates and practice notes published by their own firms, leaving them less time and less opportunity to provide material for this Journal. Second, the increasing prevalence of the internet as a means of transmitting information. In a world dominated by on-line resources (including, for example, the on-line publication of the lectures arranged by BILA for its members and the on-line availability of early issues of this Journal), the continuation of print materials needs careful thought.

As a result, the BILA Committee is presently thinking through the future options for this Journal. We may, for example, decide to use the Journal for longer articles that deal in depth with important issues. This would be a move away from the past format, which has focused on shorter contributions, which are perhaps better suited to on-line distribution.

My hope is that the quality of the contributions in this edition will show the continued viability of the Journal. In particular, David Foxton's article on negligent underwriting after *Bonner v Cox*, is the kind of high quality longer contribution that I hope the Journal will be able to include more of in the future.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Aubrey Diamond QC, a long-time supporter and past President of BILA. We are pleased to be able to publish an obituary written by Alison Green.

I am grateful to the contributors and also to Barlow Lyde & Gilbert for their help with the production of the Journal.

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