

approach of the U.S. and Canadian courts. But perhaps such a book would not have been a commercial proposition.

On reading the book, I did find myself wishing that lawyers could give up the artificial style in which they write. The frequent repetition of "it is submitted that" and "the learned judge" is quite off-putting. And surely there can be no excuse for expressions like "rendered nugatory"!

But all in all this is an excellent book. I'm sure the copy in our library will be well thumbed by the young pension lawyers. I'd have loved the support of a book like this when I was starting.

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INSURANCE LAW JOURNAL

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Just as the past few years have seen various new titles appear in the field of insurance law, the most recent being the works by Professor Robert Merkin and Dr. Malcolm Clarke, so they have also seen the appearance of several new journals which likewise concentrate primarily on this field. These are doubtless all signs of a growing awareness of significant insurance law developments taking place in the courts, in national legislatures and, last but not least, in the EC Commission.

Butterworths' Australian Company published its first "Insurance Law Journal" in January 1988. They intend to publish it three times a year and the General Editor, Dr. Tony Tarr of Adelaide University Law Faculty points out that "the audience to be addressed will include not only members of the legal community, but also persons within the insurance industry." He goes on to state that the Journal will endeavour to create an international readership and so welcomes contributions from New Zealand, Canada, the U.S.A., Hong Kong, Singapore "and elsewhere".

Having the benefit of looking at the first four issues, one notes that the United Kingdom has a representative on the Editorial Board in Professor John Birds of Sheffield University and that several articles are by UK contributors. There are, for instance, significant contributions by John Birds himself on recent Common Law developments regarding insurable interest and subrogation, by Andrew Pincott of Elborne Mitchell on the recent utmost good faith case law developments, by Andrew McGee of Manchester University on Insurance and the Financial Services Act and by Stephen Carter of Charles Russell, Williams and James on the problems one may

encounter with regard to reinsurance pools.

The Articles are fairly lengthy and so the authors have every opportunity of dealing in depth with their subject matter, but each issue also contains shorter contributions consisting of case notes and book reviews.

The Insurance Law Journal is a handsome publication. It is in A5 format, is well laid-out and is clearly printed. Each issue runs to just over 80 pages.

Although the emphasis will doubtless remain on developments in Australian Insurance Law, it is obvious from the first four issues that readers will also be given as wide a picture of developments in this field as possible.

(For price and availability details, please refer to the advertisement on the back inside cover.)

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AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE LAW ASSOCIATION NEWS

Members will recall that the 1988 AILA Travelling Fellowship was made to Sydney solicitor Peter Hopkins who, in April 1989, addressed a lunch-time meeting in London on products liability law and insurance. The award of the 1989 Travelling Fellowship has now been made to Dr. Richard Ingleby, Lecturer in Family Law and Dispute Resolution at the Law School of the University of Melbourne. The award was made by John Hastings, who is President of AILA, at its recent Third Annual Conference which was held in Melbourne.

The award was based on a paper submitted by Dr. Ingleby on the subject of "Superannuation and Divorce." To the value of \$7,500, the award will enable Dr. Ingleby to undertake an overseas research tour and to visit overseas chapters of the International Association of Insurance Law (AIDA).

This Third Annual Conference was held at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne from 1-3 November 1989 and was attended by over 230 legal practitioners and insurance personnel from around Australia and overseas. In his address President John Hastings said that it had been a big year for AILA with the establishment of a truly national organisation and the establishment of a South Australian Branch resulting in Branches of the Association now having been established in all mainland states. Membership of AILA now exceeded 1,000 for the first time and he said that the continuing strength of the Association had prompted a successful bid to host the 1994 World Congress of AIDA in Sydney.