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Editor's note

You will see with the delivery of this issue a new look *Plaintiff Magazine*.

Changes have been made to improve the readability and look of the magazine and to reflect the dynamic and evolving nature of the magazine and of the membership of APLA.

The Editorial Committee welcomes comments about the content or format of the magazine and we are introducing a "Letters to the Editor" section where you can send in comments about the magazine, reflections on legal or plaintiff issues, humorous anecdotes, or indeed anything that you think will be appealing to the readership.

The theme of this magazine is consumer/commercial law. APLA's newest Special Interest Group is the Commercial Litigation Section. The Plaintiff Lawyers have been in the main focused on personal injury actions. Of course commercial damage can just as easily flow from the same causes that give rise to injuries.


This edition sees the first of a series of profiles on members of the Executive Committee of APLA. They have all expressed their thoughts on where APLA should be headed and how that could be achieved.

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Victoria looks set to return to injured workers' rights common law, after its abolition by the Kennett Government. The restoration is in part due to the never say die attitude, so often displayed by Plaintiff Lawyers in litigation. We must be equally determined in our dealings with government if we are to represent our clients fully.

Anybody who was at the National Conference dinner and saw three brave plaintiff women, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Stephens will know how important that task is. 

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