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Editor's note

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The April issue of Plaintiff provoked quite a deal of response, all of it favourable and helpful.

The editorial team genuinely invites comments and criticism. Our aim is to make this magazine a really useful benefit to the membership of APLA. To this end we encourage a wide range of contributions from members and non-members and are particularly keen to receive case-notes.

Even cases which seem to have a very local flavour are often interesting to members from other states. The pattern is clearly that problems that emerge in one state very soon surface in the others.

The next issue (August 1999) will focus on the year 2000 problems. Strangely, our preliminary enquiries have revealed very little action already undertaken in regard to Y2K problems. Is this because people are not aware enough of their rights and therefore haven't even contacted solicitors yet, or because the problems haven't arisen, or is the Y2K problem (as somebody recently suggested to me) just a beat up fuelled by consultants?

Anybody who has received instructions to take action or who has some idea of potential claims are invited to contact us so that we can share this information. ■

Civil Justice Award – call for nominations

The annual conferring of the Civil Justice Award is a highlight in the APLA calendar. Past recipients of the Award are John Gordon, Peter Cashman, Peter Long and Rob Davis.

The Civil Justice Award recognises outstanding contributions to the field of civil justice which support the aims and policies of APLA. The Award is open to both lawyers and other members of the community. The Award will be conferred at the APLA National Conference.

The National Council seeks nominations from APLA members for the 1999 Civil Justice Award. If you are aware of a person who has made a significant contribution and would like to nominate them for an award, please write a short note describing their achievements and forward to Jane Staley, APLA Executive Officer, PO Box 2658, Sydney, 2001. Nominations should be sealed in an envelope marked "private and confidential".