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Managing Editor's *note*

Technology is now an integral and increasingly important part of professional practice. We have come a long way since computer word processors and facsimile machines replaced typewriters and telexes as a means of manipulating, storing, and transmitting information. Now the information superhighway is supplementing and, in many cases, subsuming the traditional ways of communicating and accessing information through the use of the Internet, email, and electronic databases. Bill Madden's article "The Future of Law", reviews recent technology developments and applications and considers their significance for the practices of lawyers. Following on from this, Cawley Hennings reflects on how technology is being embraced by the courts and increasing numbers of litigation lawyers, concluding, "It's a "V for the P" on the WWW". Furthermore, as discussed by Jim Kennan QC, the use of presentation software such as PowerPoint may assist advocates in their efforts to persuade the tribunal, judge, or jury to accept an argument. The way we practice law has forever changed as a result of advancing technology, innovation in most cases only being limited by imagination. Alan Davies discusses the challenges faced by cyberlawyers and their clients.



Expenditure on information technology is now one of the most significant items of capital expenditure for lawyers. As Rob Davis explains, planning for the leap into new technology is critical so that the investment achieves desired outcomes, rather than being a very expensive mistake.

The challenge for us all is to be open-minded and receptive of the advancing technology and to develop strategies to harness the technology to improve our efficiency and effectiveness. Technophobes will be pleased to know that Plaintiff continues to be published in hard copy. The journal continues to evolve with a new look in 2002.

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