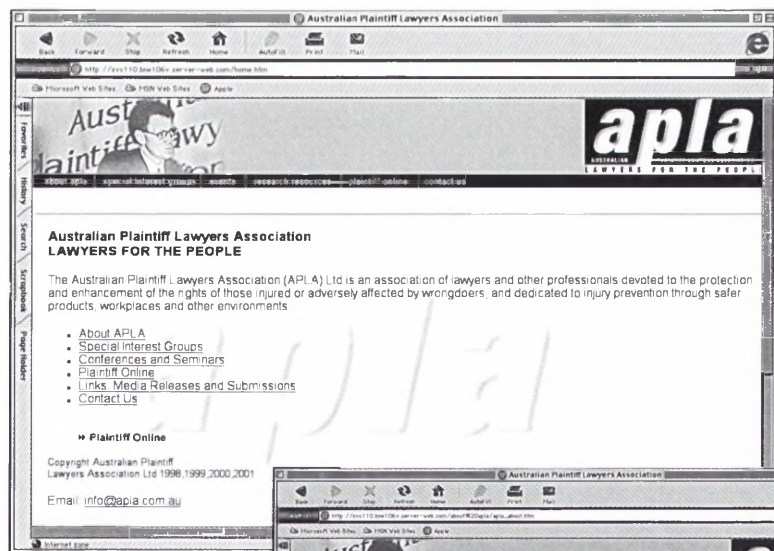


Technology in Practice

for APLA Members

Since the advent of the communications revolution, law societies and other organisations have taken advantage of technology to communicate with and assist their members. APLA is no exception, incorporating technology into its member services to assist in achieving its objectives. Members have been able to access a website, email services, and an Expert Database for a number of years. APLA continues to make improvements to these services as part of its strategy to benefit members and their clients.



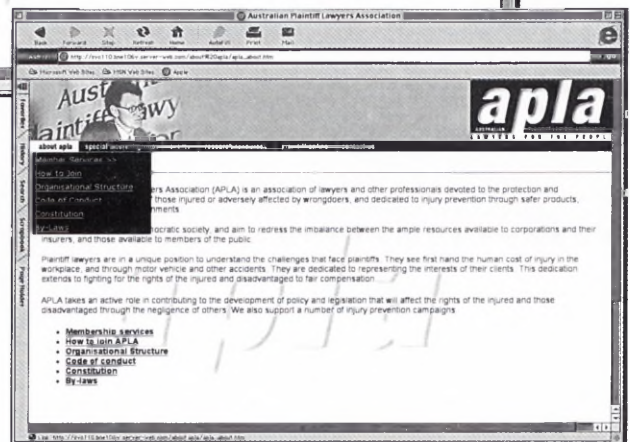
NEW APLA WEBSITE www.apla.com.au

Behold the new APLA website, still modest but a little more impressive and – hopefully! – more user-friendly than the last version you accessed. The website has been subject to refurbishment, with the aim of making it a more useful and up-to-date member service.

APLA members have access to all sections of the website:

About APLA provides information on APLA's governance, member services, and how to join. Refer your colleagues to this area to learn what APLA has to offer them, and encourage them to join.

Special Interest Groups describes how to join APLA's SIGs as well as providing links to web sites of interest to SIG members. (See also APLA Email Lists below).

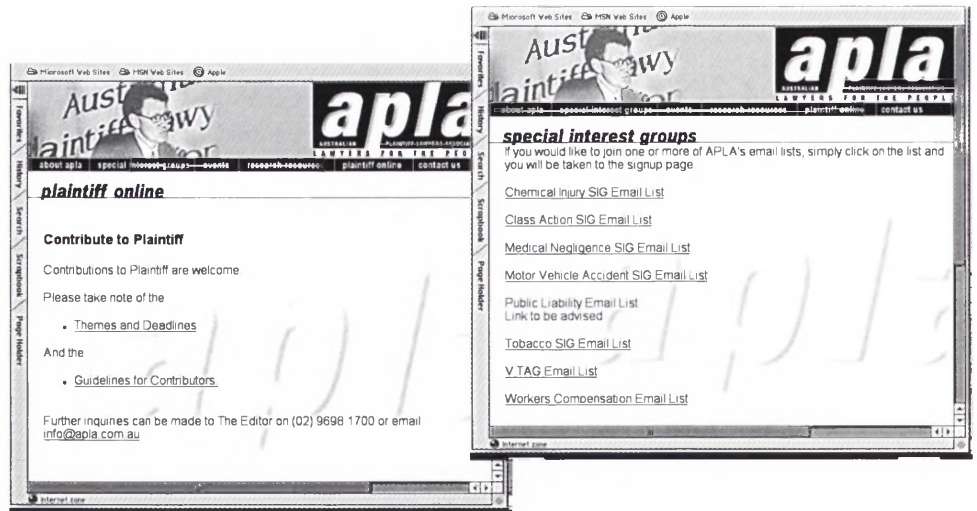


Events provides up-to-date information on National, Branch, and Medical Negligence conferences organised by APLA.

Research Resources includes APLA's submissions, media releases, and useful links to other websites. APLA relies on your recommendations of websites and documents for expanding this resource.

Plaintiff Online is where you will find an online version of APLA's bimonthly journal and back issues. Here you can learn about upcoming issues of Plaintiff and access the Guidelines for Contributors prior to contributing your article or case note.

Contact us includes the contact details for the APLA office and APLA office bearers.



The website is under constant review and we welcome your suggestions on how it might serve you better.

We recommend that you bookmark the home page for easy access in the future: www.apla.com.au/home.htm

APLA EXPERT DATABASE

APLA maintains a database of expert witnesses and services that have been recommended by APLA members. Members can obtain lists of specific types of experts by contacting the Membership Officer via info@apla.com.au. We endeavour to reply to Expert Database requests within 2 business days by facsimile.

Members are encouraged to recommend experts they have used so that the database remains relevant and useful. To recommend an expert to other APLA members please contact the Membership Officer.

APLA EMAIL LISTS

One objective of the Association is to facilitate the exchange of information between members. APLA's email lists provide the most immediate means of sharing information.

apla News

WEEKLY Public Affairs Bulletin

APLA News is a weekly public affairs bulletin about the Association's work. It includes national, branch, and conference news, as well as case notes by APLA members. It is sent by email each week.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE

To subscribe, send an email to

In the email body type

Information on how to contribute to **APLA News** is available after subscribing.

apla SIGs

Special Interest Groups have email mailing lists that allow members to send and receive messages on their area of interest. These lists have recently been upgraded and are a perfect way to supplement other member services that you use. You can keep in contact with other practitioners in your area, ask questions, share current news, or discuss recent developments.

SIG membership is free to APLA members. By subscribing to a SIG mailing list you become a member of the respective SIG. There are three ways to join a SIG mailing list.

Note: An application to join a Special Interest Group is a representation that the person is the appropriate practitioner. All information passed within the SIGs is intended to be confidential and for the use of plaintiff lawyers only.

HOW TO JOIN

There are three ways to join APLA's SIG mailing lists:

- 1 INTERNET** Go to
Go to the section

Choose the list you would like to join and follow the

HOW TO JOIN instructions.

- 2 EMAIL** Send an email to
In the email body type

(see below) and we will add you to the appropriate list.

- 3 FAX**
Fax the APLA Membership Officer on 02 9698 1744
your name and **SIG list name** (see below) and we will add you to the appropriate list.

SIG LIST NAMES & EMAIL ADDRESSES

Chemical Injury	<input type="text" value="aplachemicals@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Medical Negligence	<input type="text" value="aplamedneg@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	<input type="text" value="aplamotor@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Public Liability	<input type="text" value="aplapublicliability@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Representative Actions	<input type="text" value="aplaclassaction@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Tobacco Litigation	<input type="text" value="aplatobacco@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Victorian Transport Accidents Group	<input type="text" value="aplavtag@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>
Workers Compensation	<input type="text" value="aplaworkers@lyris.depoconnect.com"/>

HOW TO USE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Once you have subscribed, **Posting and receiving messages** is easy – you simply send an email to the SIG email address, and all members will receive it.

REPLY

When you receive a message, you can respond to the sender privately (hit **Reply** in your email program).

REPLY TO ALL

Or you can reply to everyone in the group (hit **Reply to All**).

If you have questions about any of APLA's Member Services, please contact the APLA Membership Officer, Felicity Crombach **PHONE** 02 9698 1700 **FAX** 02 9698 1744 **EMAIL** fcrombach@apla.com.au