

APLA welcomes new office bearers

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Many challenges lie ahead for each of these people. Some are still to face tort reform in the areas of public liability and medical negligence, while others will focus on having the government roll back existing legislation. Some will face challenges in workers' compensation, while others will look to address inequities in current statutory schemes.

With advertising by plaintiff lawyers increasingly under threat or already abolished, greater pressures are being placed on firms and the way plaintiff lawyers practice. Continuing legal education programs must be a major focus during the next year, as should other member services, such as *Plaintiff* and APLA News.

With the capacity to practice in the area of plaintiff law more restricted than ever, APLA's work is increasingly important to its members. I would like to congratulate those who will lead the organisation over the next twelve months and wish them well. I thank them for their continued support of APLA and for the work they do on a voluntary basis to represent members' interests and the interests of injured people around Australia. **PL**