

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I am delighted to be receiving the APLA Update on a regular basis and must say I enjoyed the March/April issue for a variety of reasons.

Aside from the delightful article entitled "The Erotics of Personal Injury Law", I was pleased to see that counsel "down under" on behalf of injured people face exactly the same problems we're facing here in Canada. By the looks of the work reported in the APLA Update, your Bar appears to be progressively and aggressively pursuing the rights of accident victims.

I thought Edward Myers article entitled "Examination by the Defendants' Medical Expert" was quite informative and I intend to use some of the caselaw in it on similar attacks on the defendants' medical expert in Canada.

The defendant's medical examination in Canada is called an "IME" which is supposed to mean "independent medical examination" however, your experience in Australia appears to be the same as ours and knowledgeable members of the Bar in this country call the IME "Insurance Money Exchange".

Your inclusion of Charles Simkins's article entitled "The Mechanism of Traumatic Brain Injury Resulting from Rear End Car Crashes" is very helpful to me and Charles is well known to us here in Canada.

All in all, I just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the APLA Update as it made me realize how small the world is becoming. We may be miles apart however, we're all fighting the same battles for the innocent accident victims of our respective countries.

Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,

H. Bruce T. Hillyer
President,
Canadian Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA)

APLA National Conference 17-20 October 1996

Sheraton Noosa Resort

APLA is hosting its Inaugural National Conference in Noosa this October. The program will feature leading edge litigation topics presented by experts from throughout the country. Speakers from the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (UK) have also been invited to present papers.

The formal program will be issued in late July. Sessions include medico-legal matters, procedural issues, occupiers' and product liability problems and managing a plaintiffs' personal injury practice.

A welcome reception will be held on Thursday evening 17 October and sessions will commence on Friday morning and conclude on Saturday evening. A conference dinner will be held on Friday night. The APLA Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday morning.

A number of special interest groups and litigation groups will hold meetings concurrently. These include the Tobacco Litigation, Medical Negligence and Breast Implant Litigation groups.

The conference will provide members with an up to the minute briefing on all vital personal injury litigation issues and an invaluable interaction and information sharing with other members throughout Australia.

The registration fee is \$595.00 for Members booking prior to 17 September or \$695 for Members booking after this date. For Non-Members, the fee is \$795.00 prior to 17 September or \$895 for Non-Members booking after this date.

As a bonus, Members booking by 17 August will go in the draw for a prize of 2 free nights accommodation in a Noosa View Room at Sheraton Noosa Resort (conditions apply).

A special conference rate of \$190.00 per room per night has been negotiated with the resort. Members should be sure to make accommodation arrangements early.

All conference enquiries should be directed to APLA's Conference Organiser:

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