

Editorial News

1999 and the *Review*

Welcome to the 20th year of publication of the *Business Law Review*. Thank you to all our loyal readers who are still with us and welcome to new ones. We trust that you will all find plenty to interest you in 1999.

We are introducing some small stylistic changes this year and have plans for the journal which will be unfolded as the year progresses. We feel that the **Current Comment** section of the journal should be given more prominence and have, therefore, separated it from **Infobank**. Infobank will continue to be a useful section on new legal and other interesting items selected by the Editor from a plethora of PR and other materials sent in to the *Review*.

Current Comment will now be in the two-column style and follow the main articles. The material will continue to be supplied by experts in the various fields and we are planning to include more material on UK commercial and company matters. We are most grateful to our regular contributors who somehow manage to keep producing material of interest despite leading extremely busy lives as lawyers in practice. Our regular column on EU matters is provided by Beachcroft Stanleys' Brussels office. Julie Nazerali is in charge of the column and most certainly has her ear well to the ground to give us the latest and most up-to-date news. Ian Kirby of Dibb Lupton Alsop's London office writes on intellectual property matters and we are most grateful for his informative contributions. David Flint, a partner of MacRoberts in Glasgow writes a stimulating and amusing column on the Internet, with particular reference to US cases which will, no doubt, be taken into account in the UK when there is no precedent here.

As of the January issue, Current Comment will contain a regular column on UK Competition Law written by Mark Furse, senior lecturer in law at the University of Westminster. We are very pleased to have this column which will put us in the picture and explain developments following the new Competition Act of 1998. Please see this issue for an introduction to the new Act.

There will be further contributors to this section appointed during 1999.

We are planning to list conferences, seminars and new associations on a more regular basis in 1999, particularly those that are free or reasonably priced – organizers please note. We shall also be publishing more book reviews. The Editor would welcome interest from any of our readers in reviewing books for the journal.

Finally, we always welcome constructive criticism and ideas for new and different materials. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Editor.

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