Editor's Note

It is with a sense of great honour and privilege that I have accepted Kluwer Law International's kind invitation to become only the third editor of *Business Law Review*. In taking over from Sue Nicholas after her 21-year tenure of the editorship I am keenly aware of the huge responsibility I have to maintain the high standards that Sue consistently applied in developing the *Review* into the highly respected journal it is today. Those were laid down in the first issue in January 1980 and this seems an appropriate moment to restate the aims and scope as stated in the very first editorial.

"... there will be a wide coverage of relevant news developments as well as more in depth feature articles. We will not be afraid to "grasp the nettle" of difficult conceptual problems but BLR will not dwell on theoretical issues merely for their own interest.

Above all, BLR seeks to be a useful working tool for its users – to save them time and to safeguard

them from missing important developments. We are well aware of the present plethora of reading matter in many fields and of the demands this makes on our readers. We do not seek to add unnecessarily to this burden but rather to highlight the issues of real practical importance and to contribute some solutions to the problems faced by those who have to implement and advise on the unending flow of new legal developments."

Just as that first editorial invited comments and criticisms from our readers, so do I, in order that the *Review* may continue to meet your changing needs.

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Nicholas for all her generous help during our hand-over period and to wish her, on behalf of the publishers, the Editorial Board, present and past contributors and our subscribers, a very long and happy retirement.

Alan Wells