second breach of the same milestone. Again seeking an order against a solicitor personally would be more appropriately adjudicated upon by a judge instead of a registrar or the Master. According to the Committees considering the matter the design to describe the programme supra would, of course, require changes to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, but the bulk of the design could be reduced to and included in a single new "delay reduction order" in a fashion similar to a new order of the Supreme Court which governs the expedited list. It is envisaged by the Committees that the proposals would have, as their object, a civil case management system in which sanctions will work. It is pointless in having a variety of sanctions without teeth that really bite! Mindful that all sanctions orders are capable of generating appeals, and conscious of the need to avoid new procedures which have the effect of clogging up lists, the show cause hearing would have to be rigorously controlled. A purely summary form of hearing is therefore contemplated by these Committees.

International Bar Association:

News and Developments

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The International Bar Association (IBA) continues its progress as the world’s leading international lawyers association. At the end of last year it had 14,161 members, of which 2,646 were under 36 years and 133 Bar Associations and Law Societies from 82 countries as member organisations. Membership of the Section on Business Law (SBL) was 10,638, of the Section on General Practice (SGP) 2,834, and of the Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law 1,362.

During June 1991 the SGP held a most successful meeting in Montreal in conjunction with the IBA Council meeting and a Forum of World Bar Leaders and a Judges’ Forum. From 30 September - 4 October 1991 about 2,000 lawyers and 700 guests attended the 10th Biennial Conference of the SBL. The participants included 36 lawyers from mainland China, as well as 37 young lawyers from the Asian region who received scholarships from the SBL, allowing them to attend the conference. Over 400 speakers addressed the 36 committees of the SBL and meetings were also held of the Judges’ Forum, the Eastern European Forum and the newly formed Academics’ Forum.

A new IBA committee on Lawyers with Disabilities has been formed to encourage and promote the activities and interests of such lawyers through the IBA.

The IBA, through letters from its President, Giuseppe Bisconti of Italy, has given support to lawyers in human rights cases in such diverse countries as Brazil, Djibouti and Turkey. In October 1991 the IBA sent an observer to the hearing of contempt proceedings against the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and seven Council members of the Law Society of Kenya. These proceedings were an aftermath of statements by the Law Society calling for an inquiry into the performance of the Chief Justice and another Judge of the High Court with a view to their removal.

The next meeting of the IBA Council (on which the GCB and the ALS are represented) takes place in Lisbon at the end of May this year. It will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the SGP and another meeting of the World Bar Leaders’ Forum. The major event in the 1992 calendar will be the IBA’s 24th Biennial Conference which is to be held in Cannes on the French Riviera from 20 to 25 September. Various seminars are also planned by the IBA sections in different parts of the world.

Members of the South African Bar attending IBA conferences are permitted to deduct, for income tax purposes, the cost of attendance. Membership forms can be obtained from the Secretary of the GCB in Johannesburg or by writing to: International Bar Association 2 Harewood Place Hanover Square LONDON W1R 9HB ENGLAND Fax No 071-4090456