

EDITOR'S NOTE

Two years ago one of our members asked whether any information existed on the legal and ethical implications of technical communication in Canada. As a result of that important question, for which there was no answer immediately apparent, we planned a special session on the topic for the next CATTW/ACPRTS conference. Owing largely to the organizational and persuasive skills of CATTW president, Jacqueline Bossé-Andrieu, the special session quickly evolved into a full-day conference devoted to various aspects of legal writing, with representatives from government, the legal profession and law faculty, and writing instructors from across Canada.

This issue of *Technostyle* presents some of the proceedings of that conference, for which we are pleased to have Christine Parkin as Guest Editor. Like other contributors to this issue, Christine Parkin is doubly qualified to comment on the subject, having a background in both teaching and law. She teaches English at the University of British Columbia, where she will take over responsibility for the Technical Writing programme in the Department of English in 1989. Professor Parkin received her degrees in England and Canada and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1982. She notes that she has retained her interest in legal matters and finds that her training in law is invaluable in teaching technical writing.

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