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Albert E. Shepherd of London has been appointed to fill the new office of Under-Treasurer of the Society, following the recommendation of an implementation committee headed by P.B.C. Pepper. He will hold office for one or perhaps two years, or until an appropriate successor is appointed and be responsible to the Treasurer and Convocation. He will serve as General Manager and Co-ordinator of the many functions of the Society, carrying out executive policy, including the implementation of the organizational changes described in the recent Special Committee Report. Mr. Shepherd was a bencher from 1973 until 1978 and served as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer reported that those present at the June 12th meeting with the Presidents of the County and District Law Associations expressed concern at the number of lawyers entering the profession and its effect on the delivery of legal services. With respect to the Preferred Areas of Practice programme, they pointed out that designation does not necessarily reflect expertise. They also said that a more equitable formula is needed for the allocation of funds to County Law Libraries; that the Law Society should expand its participation in public relations projects, and that communication between the governing body and the profession should be further strengthened.

A notice of suspension of Peter John Elliott of St. Catharines for non-payment of fees was published in the Ontario Reports. This notice was in error and the Society regrets the embarrassment caused to Mr. Elliott.

Rueben Ruby Richman of Toronto was disbarred. He had misappropriated over \$50,000 of clients' trust funds.

Ronald J. Faulkner of Ottawa was disbarred. He had misappropriated clients' trust funds in excess of \$41,000, failed to follow his clients' instructions, and failed to maintain sufficient funds in his trust account to meet his trust obligations to clients.

Convocation approved the Finance Committee's recommendation that the fees for next year be set at \$300. The Compensation Fund Levy has been fixed at \$100, bringing the total fee for 1981 - 1982 to \$400.

Kenneth Jarvis,
Secretary.