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INTRODUCTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Talofa and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Apia Samoa.

The last 10 months have been extremely busy for Samoa. In particular, Samoa hosted the XIII South Pacific Games in August and September, as well as hosting the Oceania and World Cup Weightlifting in November.



In addition to these two major sporting events, Samoa has continued upon its journey of development, taking major leaps and bounds, along with a number of other South Pacific nations, in the development of telecommunications technology, including the possible development of a submarine fibre optic cable to service most South Pacific nations, as well as infrastructural developments, many arising from the hosting of the South Pacific Games.

On a sadder note, this year also saw the passing of the Head of State, Malietoa Tanumafili II on Friday 11th May 2007. Not only was this a very sad occasion for Samoa, it was also the first change of Head of State since independence, requiring my office to take a significant role in advising the Government on the election of the new Head of State. The new Head of State, Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi, was unanimously elected on 16th June 2007 and was sworn into office on 20th June 2007.

Finally, Samoa is currently undertaking a Law and Justice Sector Institutional Strengthening Project, which it hopes will lead to great developments in the Law and Justice Sector of Government in Samoa. There has been a major consulting process already undertaken, and it is envisaged that the project will be undertaken over the next 4 years.

There continues to be significant challenges for the law and justice sector in Samoa. These challenges are met head-on by this office, and my office continues to mature with the ongoing assistance from donors and funding from Government.

Finally, please excuse my non-attendance since there is still a lot in the domestic front that requires my presence before I can turn my full attention abroad. To all the participants, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ming C. Leung Wai
ATTORNEY-GENERAL

CIVIL WORK UPDATE

The civil team is comprised of an Assistant Attorney General, two Principal State Solicitors, one Senior State Solicitor, two State Solicitors and one Law Clerk.

The civil team is responsible for advising on contracts, conducting civil litigation on behalf of the Attorney-General and advising the Government on general civil matters.

This year, the team worked on a number of sizeable contract projects, including contracts for the South Pacific Games, the restructuring of Polynesian Airlines, a submarine fibre optic cable connection, ADB Education Sector Project, and World Bank Assets and Infrastructure Management II Project.

The team presently includes an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development, Principal State Solicitor Kristine Medson from Shepparton, Victoria, who is shared with the Criminal Team. Kristine has played a significant role in streamlining the team's operations, notably through the development of a file management database and court document templates. The Office has applied for another Australian Youth Ambassador for Development solicitor with senior experience in civil litigation to be a mentor for civil team staff. This will assist in building staff capacity in preparing for and conducting civil litigation.

SIGNIFICANT CIVIL MATTERS FOR 2007

Court of Appeal

Tai Devoe and Manuleleua Lagofaatasi v Attorney General, Public Trustee & Imokene Tamaseu

The Appellants appealed the ruling of Vaai J on the ground that his Honour declined to make a determination of the issue put before him in a motion by the Appellants. The Appellants applied to the Court to correct the birth records of Selesa Folau in the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Vaai J adjourned the determination of the Appellant's application to correct the register so that it could be heard with other proceedings concerning claims to the estate of Papalii Folau.

In dismissing the appeal, the Court considered that Vaai J was right to adjourn the proceedings but should not have done so on an indefinite basis. This matter has been referred back to the Supreme Court for the appropriate timetable orders and directions to be made.

Hyun Sook Choi and Angus MacDonald v The Board of Trustees of the Faatuatua Christian Secondary School and the Board of Trustees of Peace Chapel Christian Fellowship

The above matter is an appeal against the decision of Vaai J rescinding an ex parte interim injunction to prohibit the sale of a school by the board of Trustees of the Faatuatua Christian Secondary School Trust ("FST") to the Board of Trustees of Peace

Chapel Christian Fellowship ("PCT"). Both the FST and the PCT are charitable trusts and hence the Court invited submissions from the Attorney-General as the protector and supervisor of charities.

The Court determined that there had been a breach of trust by FST when it purported to sell its school to PCT for SAT\$1 without obtaining the approval of the Court and also because it was questionable whether PCT had similar enough charitable purposes to FST. The Attorney-General is now charged with looking into a scheme to present to the Supreme Court regarding the trust property. This is the first case of its kind in Samoa and clarified the role of the Attorney General as protector of charitable trusts.

Supreme Court

Le Tagaloa Pita & Others v Attorney General

In this proceeding four members of the political party The Samoa Party who were unsuccessful in the 2006 General Elections, together with The Samoa Party, sue the Attorney-General on behalf of the Government.

The Plaintiffs seek a declaratory order that the proviso to section 105 of the Electoral Act 1963 is contrary to the Constitution. This proviso requires that any unsuccessful candidate in the elections who wishes to challenge the election must have attained at least 50% of the votes of the successful candidate. None of the Plaintiff candidates were able to bring a petition because they did not meet the 50% threshold requirement.

The proceedings were initiated by Statement of Claim alleging corrupt practices in 9 territorial constituencies. The Attorney-General filed Strike-Out Proceedings on the basis that the Plaintiffs have no cause of action against the Government. At the Strike-Out hearing (November 2007), it was argued on behalf of the Attorney-General that the proceeding constituted a challenge to the elections and that pursuant to section 104 of the Electoral Act such a challenge was not allowed to be brought. It was further highlighted on behalf of the Attorney-General that electoral matters could only be questioned in election petitions and before the Supreme Court sitting as an electoral court. Also argued was that the proceedings constituted a backdoor attempt to circumvent the limitations in the Electoral Act placed upon challenges to an election. It was also advanced that if the Plaintiffs' grievance was with the proviso to section 105 of the Electoral Act, then there would be no need for the Court to look into the elections, that is, that the constitutionality of section 105 could be examined by the Court without reference to any factual situation.

This matter was heard before Vaai J who dismissed the strike out proceedings. Vaai J has allowed the matter to proceed to substantive hearing and for evidence of corrupt and illegal practices to be heard. The hearing is scheduled for July 2008.

Digicel (Samoa) Limited v Regulator, Samoa Tel Limited

This proceeding comprises a statutory appeal of a decision of the Telecommunications Regulator setting interconnection rates. It is the first review to be brought under the *Telecommunications Act 2005*.

Digicel has alleged that it was not afforded natural justice by the Regulator, arguing primarily that the Regulator changed the costing model to be used in arriving at the rates without informing Digicel.

Lead counsel for the Regulator in this proceeding was Mr Peter Almond QC from Australia who was assisted by Office staff. A decision by His Honour the Chief Justice has not yet been given by the Court.

Alii and Faipule of Siumu District v Attorney General of Samoa & Others

The above matter is a land claim by the Alii and Faipule of Siumu for land taken whilst Samoa was under German and New Zealand administration. A Notice of Motion to Strike-Out was filed by the Office of the Attorney General which partially succeeded in that the Plaintiff's second and third causes of action have been struck out. These causes of action relate to:

- (i) one of the land claims which is the subject of the Plaintiffs' claim as it duplicates another cause of action (which has not been struck out); and
- (ii) prior rulings of the Samoa Land Commission and Supreme Court on land claims.

The two main remaining causes of action that have not been struck out relate to the Plaintiffs' allegation of:

- (i) constructive fraud - that the land sales transferring land claimed to be customary land to private land owners were done fraudulent; and
- (ii) an invalid sale agreement- that the land was not purchased in good faith and that firearm(s) was used to pay for the said land.

His Honour Nelson J upheld the objections to the above claims but since his discretion to strike out a cause of action is one to be exercised sparingly and only in the clearest of cases, His Honour provided the Plaintiffs' an opportunity to amend its pleadings by providing the necessary particulars of its allegations. His Honour further stated that if after amending the pleadings, the pleadings still fail to achieve the required degree of specificity, then justice of the matter requires an exercise of the Court's discretion to strike out.

The plaintiff has filed an amendment Statement of Claim, whilst in reply our Office has again filed a further notice of motion to strike out.

CRIMINAL WORK UPDATE

The Criminal Team comprises of an Assistant Attorney General who is also the Team Leader, 3 Principal State Solicitors (one of whom is recruited from the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development program), 1 Senior State Solicitors, 2 State Solicitors and 1 Law Clerk.

It has been yet another fruitful and challenging year for the very young team of Prosecutors. The work load for this year increased immensely with the setting up of a third Supreme Court. This, however, has not decreased the load of criminal matters given the increase in offending and also the amount of backlog from the previous year. We have however gained ground in trying to minimise the adjournment of cases due to the cases mentioned 6 weeks in advance before trial therefore avoiding the last minute adjournments common in previous years.

SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL MATTERS FOR 2007

Supreme Court

HOMICIDE

Police v Imokene Keresoma

This defendant was charged with the manslaughter of a newborn baby. The only evidence police had in relation to the defendant committing the offence was the caution statement by the defendant. The medical evidence in this case was against the evidence provided by police. However at the end of the trial, the assessors came back with a guilty verdict. This was a first case in which prosecution ran its case on two scenarios: (1) the defendant was the mother of the baby and actually committed the crime or (2) she was not the mother however assisted someone in the committal of the crime.

DRUGS

Police v Nicky Chan Chui

The defendant in this matter was charged with possession of utensils for the purpose of administering methamphetamines. The defendant was found guilty of all charges and is now awaiting sentence. This was the first case in Samoa in which the court ruled that a police officer with a number of years of experience in dealing with marijuana could identify and give evidence that the said substance was in fact marijuana.

Police v Tagaloa Runi Masame

The defendant was charged with possession of utensils for the purpose of administering methamphetamines, possession of marijuana and also the possession of an unlawful weapon. The defendant was found guilty of all charges. The defendant is awaiting sentence. This case also sets out the law on caution statements in Samoa relating to voluntariness.

Police v Lucky Nauer

The defendant was charged with possession of cocaine. At the end of the trial, police had difficulties with the chain of custody and the matter was therefore dismissed.

Police v Ben Vai

The defendant was charged with possession of a utensil for an unlawful purpose namely smoking methamphetamines. The charge was dismissed and prosecution has appealed the matter.

Police v Joseph Faulkner

The defendant was charged with possession of approximately 500 grams of cocaine. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 6 years 9 months. Time served by the defendant while in custody is to be deducted from the sentence. This is the highest sentence ever imposed by the courts in Samoa relating to drug offending.

Court of Appeal

Police v Siaosi Matalavea

This was an appeal by the police against sentence for manslaughter in that it was inadequate considering the circumstances of the case. The Court held that the sentence was light considering the circumstances and but for the fact that Siaosi Matalavea is no longer in custody, the Police appeal would have been upheld. On the issue of having Siaosi Matalavea brought back into custody, the numerous mitigating circumstances were taken into account by the Court of Appeal.

Police v X

This case is currently under a name suppression order. This was an appeal against a decision of the Supreme Court upholding the no case to answer submission of the defendant and therefore acquitting the defendant. The appeal was upheld and the matter remitted to the Supreme Court for re-trial. In relation to the name suppression order, the prosecution is to file submissions to remove the suppression order and the respondent is to file a response on this issue.

Vave Siifua, Loi Papu v Police

This was an appeal against the conviction for murder. The appeal was dismissed on the basis that there was neither evidence, nor a credible narrative before the trial judge to address the assessors on manslaughter.

Fiti Saolele v Police

This was an appeal against conviction for theft as a servant and false accounting. The false accounting charges were upheld and the theft charges were substituted for false pretences charges. The sentence was also lowered from 3½ years to 2½ years.

Onosai Nofoaiga v Police

This was an appeal against the decision of the Supreme Court not to vacate the guilty plea to theft and falsifying account charges. The Court of Appeal held that the Supreme Court decision was correct, however, there is now new evidence which was not before the Supreme Court showing that at the time the guilty plea was entered, correct legal advice from the then counsel for the defence was not given.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

This year, the criminal team has conducted in-house training, as well as conducting training for police officers in many areas, including chain-of-custody and taking of evidence. This is anticipated to be a continued practice and we expect to work together with police regarding other trainings. Apart from continuing training between police and our office, we will also be working in the next year with other ministries in the prosecution of offences under the relevant ministry's act.

The only in-country training conducted this year was the *Evidentiary Issues for Public Prosecutors* course which was conducted jointly by our Office and NZAID/AUSAid funded trainers from Australia in May 2007.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING TEAM

The Legislative Drafting team is comprised of two Parliamentary Counsels, one State Solicitor, two law clerks and one senior legal secretary. Perhaps what is most significant this year is that we now have a Legislative Drafting Team of 6 members inclusive of the legal secretary. This was indeed a blessing, as this year has seen a high number of Bills tabled and passed by Parliament, particularly Bills and regulations required to allow Samoa to host international and regional sports events, for example the 13th South Pacific Games.

This past year has also seen a number of reforms which require legislative basis, including a package of health legislation. Also prioritised by Cabinet this year was the domesticating of international conventions and agreements to comply with Samoa's obligations under certain international conventions, particularly the conventions related to the fight for a world free from terrorism.

2007 ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

The Legislative Drafting team is responsible for drafting legislation for the approval of the Attorney General. Listed below is some of the work of the Drafting Team in 2007.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Title of Act</u>
1.	Supplementary Appropriation Act (No.1) 2006/2007
2.	Money Laundering Prevention Act 2007
3.	Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2007
4.	Proceeds of Crime Act 2007
5.	Mental Health Act 2007
6.	Pharmacy Act 2007
7.	Healthcare Professions Registration and Standards Act 2007
8.	Nursing and Midwifery Act 2007
9.	Public Service Amendment Act 2007
10.	Fire and Emergency Service Act 2007
11.	Dental Practitioners Act 2007
12.	Income Tax Amendment Act 2007
13.	Disaster and Emergency Management Act 2007
14.	South Pacific Games (Taxation Incentives) Act 2007
15.	South Pacific Games Authority Act 2007
16.	Insurance Act 2007
17.	Land Transport Authority Act 2007
18.	Customs Amendment Act 2007
19.	Police Service Amendment 2007
20.	Supplementary Appropriation Act (No.2) 2006/2007
21.	Appropriation Act 2007/2008
22.	Loan Authorisation Act 2007
23.	Telecommunications Amendment Act 2007
24.	Samoa Sports Facilities Authority Act 2007
25.	Young Offenders Act 2007
26.	International Criminal Court Act 2007

27. Police Powers Act 2007
28. Public Trust Office Amendment Act 2007
29. Medical Practitioners Act 2007
30. Alternative Dispute Resolution Act 2007

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

With the current push to develop local legislative drafters, this Team is thankful to the funding agencies in New Zealand and, particularly, the Government of Australia for funding and making these professional trainings possible:-

- a) Ms. Sarona Rimoni was seconded for 2½ months to the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing of the Australian Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.
- b) Two senior officers from the Office of the Legislative Drafting and Publishing of the Australian Attorney-General's Department (fully funded by their own Office and AusAid) visited the Drafting Team for over a week and conducted a number of training sessions not only in legislative drafting aspects but also on the templates that can be used for Bills and regulations.
- c) The Drafting team will further benefit from the Legislative Drafting Pairing Program also funded and organized by the same Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing Australia.
- d) Three of the Team members have just completed their studies for a Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting at USP and funded by the Forum Secretariat.
- e) Parliamentary Counsel Ms. Lalotoa Mulitalo attended a 6 weeks legislative drafting training in the Parliament of New Delhi, India.

We said goodbye to Phillip White in April 2007 after he spent 18 months as Legislative Drafting Advisor in our office under the AusAID PACTAF program. With this level of available training on legislative drafting, there is a bright future for this area of law in Samoa.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

HUMAN RESOURCES

In addition to the newly-appointed Attorney General who commenced early in December 2006, there were 3 new additions to the Professional Staff, two in the Legislative Drafting Division and one in the Civil Division. In the Corporate Services Division, four new staff members were added. There were eight (8) promotions within the Professional Divisions, 4 in the Criminal Team and 4 in the Civil Division. Two law clerks are currently undergoing the last phase of the professional studies in Fiji; while one State Solicitor is on leave to gain work experience at the Forum Secretariat in Fiji with the aim of returning to serve the Government of Samoa.

An Australian Youth Ambassador for Development is working between the Civil & Criminal Division and has provided much-needed assistance with the work of the office solicitors.

Two positions are currently being advertised: Records Clerk and the Accounts & Administration Officer.

In Summary:

- Two Principal Officers were appointed Assistant Attorney Generals
- Three Senior Officers were appointed Principal State Solicitors
- One State Solicitor was appointed Senior State Solicitor
- Two law clerks were admitted to the bar and moved up to State Solicitor positions
- New recruits included Parliamentary Counsel, Senior State Solicitor, Law Clerk, Corporate Services Manager, Library/Information Officer, Legal Secretary and the Office Driver.

A full organizational structure can be seen at Annexure 1 to this report.

June 2007 saw the conclusion of the collaborative programme between this office and New Zealand Crown Law Office. This year Christopher Lange and Mark Zarifeh from Raymond Donnelly & Co. in Christchurch were seconded to this office to conclude the program. The contribution of all of the Crown Law Solicitors has been great and very much appreciated by the Office of the Attorney-General.

A full list of training completed by the members of the staff of the Attorney-General's Office can be viewed at Annexure 2.

FINANCE

The last phase of Government's salary increase implemented over a three-year period was on 1st July 2007; the start of the financial year 2007/2008.

Budgetary constraints (the Ministry of Finance slashed 8.5% off all Ministry budget submissions) have placed a massive impact on the ability of the Office to finance its required capital equipment; although several computers were submitted in this year's budget proposal.

Travel relating to trainings and meetings overseas has been the highest expense with all incidental and clothing allowances paid out of the office budget.

ADMINISTRATION

With the newest addition to the Office staff, through the newly-recruited Library/Information Officer, it is envisioned that the Office Library will be a much more organized place of study and research for office lawyers as well as those from private law firms.

Limited office space and funds for office equipment is a problem facing the Office at the moment especially in the face of an expected intake of new graduates and the return of law clerks from their professional studies.

The annual office retreat was held in June at Lalomanu Beach; and was a success in which the Office Corporate Plan for the next three years was discussed; and the production of that document is currently in progress.

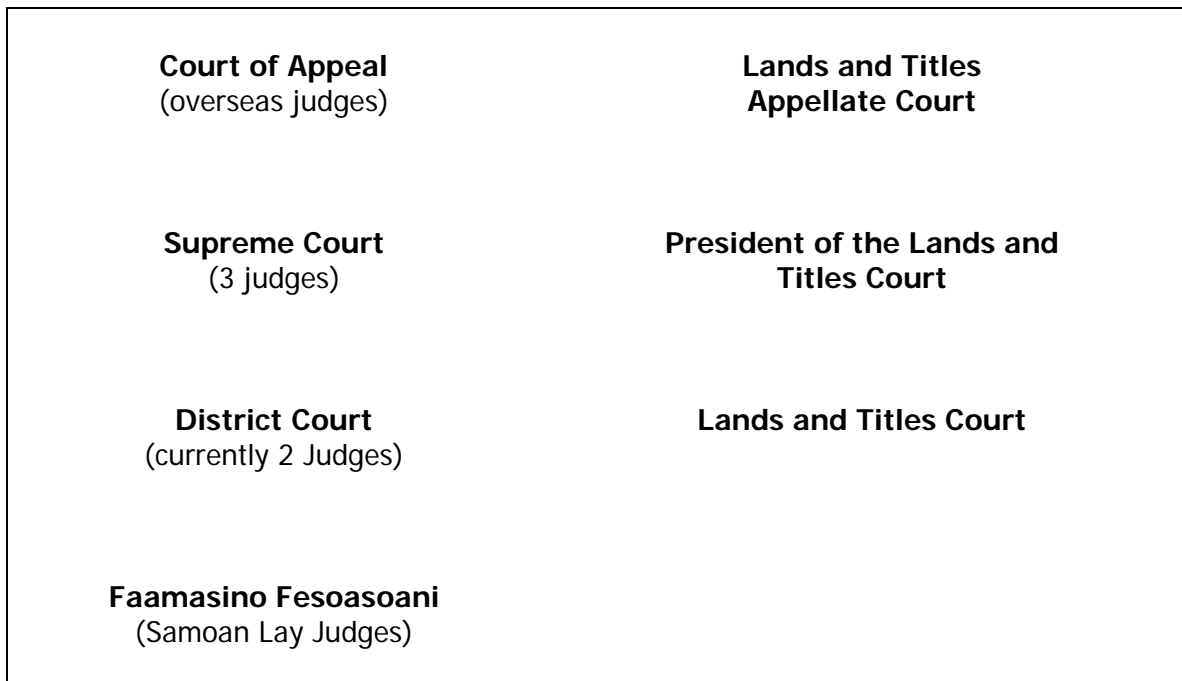


SUMMARY OF THE SAMOAN LEGAL SYSTEM

THE COURTS

Samoan Court Hierarchy

The Samoan Court Hierarchy has two parallel components, the mainstream legal system and the Lands and Titles system.



Judges

The Supreme Court continues to have a heavy caseload as evident by its calendar, which is now scheduled up to late 2008. The recent appointment of Justice Vui Clarence Nelson as a Supreme Court Judge in January 2007 has brought some relief to the workload of the Supreme Court, however, the backlog and increased litigation has not meant that the case load remains high.

Tauiliili Harry Schuster has recently been sworn in as District Court Judge.

With the new appointments, there are now 3 judges of the Supreme Court consisting of:

- His Honour Chief Justice Patu Tiavaasue Falefatu Sapolu;
- His Honour Justice Lesatele Rapi Vaai; and
- His Honour Justice Vui Clarence Nelson.

The District Court currently has 2 judges being Judge Alosamoa Vaepule Vaemoa Vaai and Judge Tauiliili Harry Schuster.

Court of Appeal

The Court of Appeal presided in September 2007 with a full schedule for 2 weeks. The presiding judges from New Zealand consisted of:

- Honourable Justice Baragwanath;
- Honourable Justice Paterson; and
- Honourable Justice Salmon.

Case Management

In addition to the new case management systems referred to the report to the 25th PILOM, the Supreme Court has continued its efforts to implement new case management systems. In particular, the Supreme Court has seen the appointment of Luke James of Melbourne, Victoria, as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development in the position as a Case Management Lawyer. Luke is currently working on regulations and other legislative methods for case management, as well as working with the Judges of both the Supreme and District Courts in developing their own case management skills.

SAMOA LAW SOCIETY

The Attorney-General holds an *ex officio* position on the Council of the Samoa Law Society.

Ms Mata Tuatagaloa took up the position of Acting President of the Samoa Law Society when Tauillili Harry Schuster (the then President) was sworn in as a District Court Judge towards the middle of the year. The Acting President's Report at the Samoa Law Society Annual General Meeting on Friday 30 November 2007 stated that this year there was an increase in membership of the Law Society as compared to last year.

Members	2006	2007
Financial Members	85	100
Temporary Members	10	15
Permanent Members	75	85 (including two who passed away this year)

The Samoa Law Society in conjunction with the Samoa Judiciary is, at this point in time, working towards its Continuing Legal Education Conference to be held from 13th to 15th December 2007. Local and international speakers will be presenting at the conference on such topics as copyright law, World Trade Organisation, charitable trusts, banking law and Mareva Injunctions. An invitation has been sent to the bar in American Samoa to attend the Conference.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

LAW AND JUSTICE SECTOR PLAN

The Office of the Attorney General is at the forefront of the Law and Justice Sector Plan. The principal rationale for developing the Law and Justice Sector is to raise recognition of the importance of law and justice; improve the direction, delivery, effectiveness and coordination of law and justice services; create a government-owned priority-setting mechanism for development; and facilitate international development assistance.

It is hoped that we may be able to introduce the law and justice sector into the Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2008/11 - which is presently under development - to support Samoa's national, regional and international-level development goals and objectives.

CONSOLIDATION OF LAWS PROJECT

The last reprints of the Samoan Statutes were done in 1996. Since then, most of the Acts have had various amendments and some have been repealed to be replaced by new Acts. As a result in this lapse of time the legal sector constantly faces difficulty accessing and using up to date versions of the Statutes. The Attorney General recognizes this and aims to remedy it.

The Attorney General is empowered under the Reprint of Statutes Act 1972 to prepare and arrange publication of a composite reprint of the Statutes or separate reprint of any statute in any form which he considers desirable. The Revision and Publication of Laws Bill 2007 which will soon be passed by Parliament extends the Attorney General's powers of revision. It also gives the Attorney General power to revise and consolidate the Samoan Acts of Parliament annually so as to ensure that Samoa's laws remain up-to-date in a manner which has not been achieved until now.

The Office is near completion of the consolidation of laws project. The Legislative Drafting Team is working closely with the Consultant Mr Graham B. Powell in realising this. It is hoped that once this consolidation is completed, consolidation will be carried out by the Attorney General's Office on an annual basis, to ensure the laws of Samoa are current and up to date. The project is funded by the Public Sector Improvement Facility, a facility into which funds from New Zealand and Australia are pooled for the development of the public sector.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING HANDBOOK

The Public Sector Improvement Facility is currently reviewing our proposal for funding of this project. The consultant will work closely with the Legislative Drafting Team in the preparation of a handbook suitable for Samoa. It will not only be useful for the legislative drafters but also for Government and any person who may have an interest in the process of law-making in Samoa.

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT FOR AG'S OFFICE

The Cabinet Development Committee approved on 16th August 2007 a proposal by the Attorney General to design an Institutional Strengthening Project for the Attorney General's Office. The Public Sector Improvement Facility is currently reviewing the draft proposal for funding from the said facility.

LAW REFORM COMMISSION

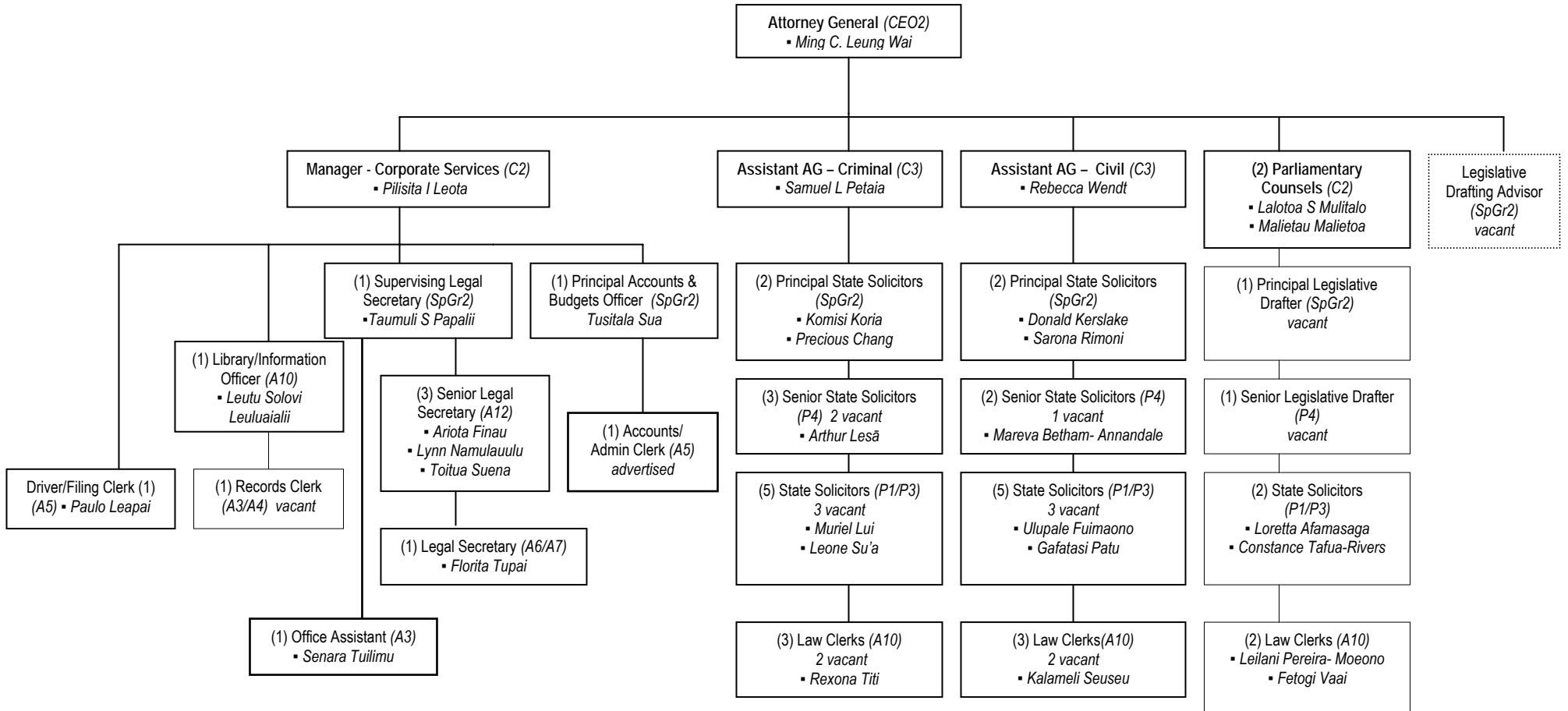
Cabinet has approved the restructure of the Law Reform Commission to be a division of the Attorney General's Office. Cabinet has endorsed the Law Reform Commission Bill 2007 which gives effect to the new restructure. It is envisaged that the Bill will be tabled in Parliament at the next Parliament session in December 2007.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT 2007

First initiated in May 2007 following a seminar which was attended by the Judiciary, the private sector lawyers and government lawyers and senior officers of the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration, a Steering Committee chaired by the Chief Justice met to discuss and draft the legislation. Recognising the benefits of this legislation to the people of Samoa, Parliament passed the Bill without any opposition. The *Alternative Dispute Resolution Act 2007* came into effect on 21 November 2007. The Chief Justice is now pushing for further training to realise the spirit of the legislation, with further mediation training being conducted in November 2007 and expected in the future.

Annexure 1

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Annexure 2

TRAINING PARTICIPATION

Staff Member	Division	Name of Training	Location	Start Date	End Date
Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Legislative Drafting Training	<i>India</i>	11-Jan-07	26-Feb-07
Arthur Lesa	<i>Criminal</i>	UN Training on Treaty Law and Practice and the Drafting of Legal Instruments	<i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i>	30-Jan-07	1-Feb-07
Sarona Rimoni	<i>Civil</i>	25th Pacific Island Law Officers Meeting	<i>Tarawa, Kiribati</i>	9-Feb-07	12-Feb-07
Malietau Malietoa	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Workshop on Public Health Law for Pacific Island Countries	<i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>	12-Feb-07	15-Feb-07
Sarona Rimoni	<i>Civil</i>	World Bank Procurement Workshop	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	26-Feb-07	2-Mar-07
Loretta Afamasaga	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Commonwealth Pacific Region Workshop of International Human Rights Instruments under the Pacific Plan	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	28-Mar-07	31-Mar-07
Precious Chang	<i>Criminal</i>	South Pacific Precursor Control Forum	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	28-Feb-07	1-Mar-07
Leslie Petaia	<i>Criminal</i>	Regional Consultation on HIV and the Law	<i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>	11-Apr-07	13-Apr-07
Leslie Petaia	<i>Criminal</i>	Pacific Senior Prosecutors Meeting	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	19-Apr-07	20-Apr-07
Muriel Lui	<i>Criminal</i>	Dispute Settlement Mechanism Workshop	<i>Kallamantan, Indonesia</i>	23-Apr-07	26-Apr-07

Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	ITIO, SIFA	<i>London, Great Britain</i>	29-May-07	31-May-07
Loretta Afamasaga & Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Implementation of the Action Plan for Sustainable Legislative Drafting Capability Building	<i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>	26-Jun-07	28-Jun-07
Sarona Rimoni	<i>Civil</i>	Placement with the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing (OLDP)	<i>Canberra, Australia</i>	12-Jun-07	17-Aug-07
Mareva Betham-Annandale	<i>Civil</i>	Intellectual Property (IPs) & Related Meetings	<i>Nadi, Fiji</i>	20-Jun-07	29-Jun-07
Leone Su'a	<i>Criminal</i>	Hague Conference on Private International Law	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	27-Jun-07	29-Jun-07
Precious Chang	<i>Criminal</i>	Australian Annual Prosecutors Conference	<i>Australia</i>	1-Jul-07	5-Jul-07
Loretta Afamasaga & Arthur Lesa	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Regional Training for Lawyers on Human Rights Conventions and Standards and their Application to Domestic Law, Policy & Practice	<i>Nadi, Fiji</i>	13-Aug-07	17-Aug-07
Komisi Korcia	<i>Criminal</i>	Seminar on Substandard Shipping in the Pacific Islands Region	<i>Suva, Fiji</i>	13-Aug-07	17-Aug-07
Malietau Malietoa	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Regional Legal Workshop on Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	<i>Koror, Palau</i>	15-Aug-07	17-Aug-07
Precious Chang	<i>Criminal</i>	South Pacific Precursor Control Forum	<i>Auckland, New Zealand</i>	28-Aug-07	29-Aug-07
Rebecca Wendt	<i>Civil</i>	Second Commonwealth Red Cross and Red Crescent International Humanitarian Law Conference	<i>Wellington, New Zealand</i>	29-Aug-07	31-Aug-07
Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Anti-Corruption Initiative's 10th Steering Group Meeting	<i>Bali, Indonesia</i>	3-Sep-07	5-Sep-07

Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Regional Technical Seminar on Making International Anti-Corruption Standards Operational: Asset Recovery & Mutual Legal Assistance	<i>Bali, Indonesia</i>	5-Sep-07	7-Sep-07
Lalotoa Mulitalo	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Pacific Executive Programme (PACE) Scholarships 2007	<i>Canberra, Australia</i>	10-Sep-07	28-Sep-07
Leslie Petaia	<i>Criminal</i>	SATCP Better Governance in the Public Sector (Anti-Corruption) Seminar for Participants from Pacific Islands	<i>Singapore</i>	25-Sep-07	8-Oct-07
Sarona Rimoni	<i>Civil</i>	Pacific Regional Conference on Law and Civil Society	<i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>	26-Sep-07	28-Sep-07
Loretta Afamasaga, Malietau Malietoa & Sarona Rimoni	<i>Legislative Drafting / Civil</i>	Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting	<i>Suva, Fiji</i>	1-Nov-07	2-Nov-07
Rebecca Wendt	<i>Civil</i>	Eighth Global Training Programme in Environmental Law & Policy	<i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>	5-Nov-07	16-Nov-07
Sarona Rimoni	<i>Civil</i>	World Trade Organization 15th Meeting	<i>Geneva</i>	19-Nov-07	23-Nov-07
Gafatasi Patu	<i>Civil</i>	Workshop on the Implementing of Concluding Comments on CEDAW	<i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>	19-Nov-07	21-Nov-07
Malietau Malietoa	<i>Legislative Drafting</i>	Meeting of State Parties of the International Court of Justice	<i>New York, USA</i>	30-Nov-07	14-Dec-07