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This article discusses the role that Anthony Angelo had in the review and reform of law in Mauritius. Sir Ivor approaches this through the lens of his own experience of income tax reform in this project. He focuses in particular on issues concerning legislative drafting and policy development, as these were questions that Anthony Angelo had to explore as he undertook the law reform of Mauritius.

["Advising on Overseas Law Reform"](#)

Victoria University of Wellington Law Review, Vol. 9, pp. 385, 1978.

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In this paper Sir Ivor Richardson discusses the role and possible methods of work of lawyers assigned to law reform tasks outside their home jurisdictions. In particular, he relates his comments to his own experience in preparing fiscal and banking legislation for Mauritius, Tonga and Western Samoa.

["Private Acts of Parliament"](#)

“Private Acts of Parliament” (2010) 41 VUWLR 653.

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The article explains the role that Private Acts of Parliament have played and still play. It does so by recounting their historical development and then discussing some 70 Bills and their progress through the Parliamentary processes. The narrative follows a broad subject-matter classification of Private Bills which are promoted by private individuals, local institutions, companies, particular charities, associations and other corporate bodies for their own benefit, whereas Public Bills and Local Bills are directed to the functioning of Central Government and Local Government respectively.

["Atomic Energy and the Law"](#)

New Zealand Law Journal, Vol. 33, No. 9, pp. 133-137, May 1957

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This article examines the use of atomic energy and the legal issues that arise from it. It suggests that the law as it was in 1957 was not adequate to address the issues arising from the development of industries producing or utilizing atomic energy. The article looks at tort liability, workers' compensation, health and safety of the public, working conditions and the protection of rivers and airspace from pollution. It also examines the impact of regulations and the role for insurance in this area.

["F W Guest Memorial Lecture 1989: Commissions of Inquiry"](#)

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Commissions of inquiry have long been a part of the machinery of government. In this lecture Sir Ivor examines the process of commissions of inquiry and their investigations. The lecture identifies the various forms of inquiry, their purpose (whether advisory or investigative), and explains their close relationship with the courts. Sir Ivor then turns to discuss his experience of inquiry processes in chairing three governmental inquiries: the Committee of Inquiry into Inflation Accounting, the Committee of Inquiry into Solicitors Nominee Companies, and the Royal Commission on Social Policy.

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