

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE REPORT

Government downsizing has displaced GLP misgivings about the Association as the most contentious issue facing the PEA. The Legal Services Society bargaining unit of legal aid lawyers will be the hardest hit, as the size of the unit decreases from 75 to 16. The Government Licensed Professionals bargaining unit will also be severely impacted. While the impact of the downsizing on the GLP is uncertain, several hundred of approximately 1,500 GLP positions have already been eliminated, and when the dust settles finally settles after the third year of cuts, the number of GLP positions may well be below 1,000. In response the PEA has spent more than \$100,000 on advertising and other activities related to curbing the cuts. Furthermore, as a result of this dramatic attrition, recruitment of new bargaining units has become a top priority. The recent addition of the St. Margaret's School bargaining unit has added approximately 120 positions to the PEA, however, more larger bargaining units are necessary if the PEA is to maintain its current strength and levels of service.