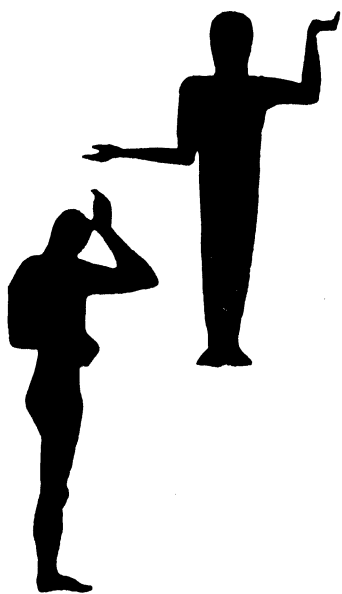


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Sculpture poses a potential problem



On July 27, 1964 *The Judge* and *The Judged* were mounted on the front wall of the then new Supreme Court building.

The bronze sculpture was the work of Andor Meszaros whose work appears in every capital city in Australia.

Mr Meszaros designed all the sculptures in the Brisbane Shrine, and he designed the Melbourne Olympics

commemorative medallion.

The sculpture, which has since been adopted as the Law Society's logo, was the subject of some controversy in its day.

Dick Ward said he was reminded of a nude waiter at a Christine Keeler party without the apron, or perhaps a waiter in a free house with a Swan in one hand and a Vic in the other.

Others described it as "too contemporary," "fearful" and "Egyptianish." Interviewed by the NT News that day, Mr Meszaros said he wanted to achieve a sense of balance.

"It depends on the approach of the mind whether the sense of balance conveys to the view a nude waiter, Christ on the Cross or a judge," he was reported as saying.

"A judge must also have balance and I believe I have achieved this point." With the new Supreme Court building being decorated by a mosaic (over which the Crown has copyright -- the Society was unable to get permission to photograph the mosaic before this issue went to print), the question is: what will become of *The Judge* and *The Judged*?

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