

An Introduction to the American Legal System

The University of California, Riverside, Extension is pleased to announce its 1994 International Professional Program in law:

An Introduction to the American Legal System

International lawyers, judges, law students and those in law-related professions will be introduced to the principles of American law and presented with a unique opportunity to see the American justice system in action.

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- * **Short term duration** ... An intensive, three-week course with over 90 hours of instructions and related activities.
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Attached you will find further information about the course, *An Introduction to the American Legal System*, and a brochure briefly describing our other International Professional Programs. (These will be available on request from the Law Society). Please fax (909) 787-5796 or phone (909) 787-4346 us directly to receive additional details or to discuss arrangements for attendance.

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Darwin Companies Fined - Incorrect Statutory Records

Two Darwin companies, AC DC Welding Pty Ltd and Adfield Pty Ltd, were fined in the Darwin Court of Summary Jurisdiction for failing to keep proper statutory records.

The Prosecutions arise from a statutory register surveillance program carried out by the Australian securities Commission (ASC).

The ASC's Northern Territory Regional Commissioner, Rita Harvey, said the Corporations law requires all companies to maintain registers containing a variety of information. These records must be available for inspection at the company's registered office.

Ms Harvey said: "There are times when it is important that facts relating to a company are clear. Confusion can be a problem when a company is in difficulties and it is necessary to establish who has managed and owned the company."

"For this reason the ASC has a program to enforce accurate registers. If registers are wrong, companies are asked to correct them. If corrections are not made or the registers are in a particularly bad state, penalty notices are issued," Mrs Harvey said.

Mrs Harvey said in these two cases, penalty notices were issued but not paid. The ASC then prosecuted.

The magistrate fined AC DC Welding Pty Ltd \$625 with costs and fined Adfield Pty Ltd \$200 with costs. Both companies failed to maintain a register for members as required by the Law. The companies pleaded guilty through Duncan Bell of D N Bell and Associates, Certified Practising Accountants, at whose office they are registered.

Mrs Harvey said 250 company register inspections have been carried out in Northern Territory during the last 18 months. Of these, 182 companies had been in breach of the requirements to some extent but it had been considered necessary to issue only four penalty notices.

Mrs Harvey said the ASC's statutory register surveillance program is continuing.