

Chief Justices head for NT to address practitioners

Territory lawyers will be presented with a rare opportunity when two prominent Chief Justices head north next month.

Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, The Honourable Sir Anthony Mason, will make an informal address at dinners to be held in Darwin and Alice Springs.

The Darwin event will be held at Raymond's Restaurant on Thursday, 21 July, while in Alice Springs Chief Justice Mason will speak to lawyers on Monday, 25 July.

The venue will be Miss Daisy's at the Diplomat Motor Inn.

The Honourable The Chief Justice of NSW, Murray Gleeson, will deliver the Martin Kriewaldt Memorial Address at the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory on Thursday, 28 July.

The Chief Justice's address will be "Individualised Justice — the Holy Grail".

Sir Anthony Mason was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1951 and was a lecturer in equity at the University of Sydney from 1959 to 1964.

He became Queen's Counsel in 1964 and was the Commonwealth Solicitor-General from 1964 to 1969.

In addition he was a member of a panel of arbitrators and advisers, Intelsat, in the late 1960s, is a former vice-chairman of the UN Commission on International Trade Law and a former Council member and Pro-Chancellor of the Aus-

tralian National University. Appointed as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of NSW in 1969, Sir Anthony became a Justice of the High Court of Australia in 1972 and Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia in 1987.

At various times he has also lectured in law overseas, including in the US and Canada.

Lieutenant-Governor and The Honourable The Chief Justice of NSW, Murray Gleeson, was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1963 and tutored in law at Sydney University before being appointed as Queen's Counsel in 1974.

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He is a former Council member and President of the NSW Bar Association and was awarded the Order of Australia in 1986 for services to law.

In 1992, the father of four also received a Companion of the Order of Australia for services to law and the Crown.

Practitioners will find registration details for all of these events in this edition of *Balance*.

On a different note, I would like to thank all those practitioners who donated their time and efforts for Law

Week activities last month.

The success of Law Week is highly dependent on the contribution of the legal fraternity and once again the Territory performed well against other states in terms of the public's response.

It was also encouraging to see the profession so well represented at the Law Week luncheons, particularly in Alice Springs.

For more details on Law Week events, see the front-page article in this month's edition.

Lastly, all practitioners would recently have received membership application forms and Member Services Package details for 1994-95.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Local Court Review

A Review of the NT Local Court Act and Rules is now under way.

Submissions are invited and should be addressed to: The Chief Magistrate, Magistrates' Chambers, GPO Box 1281 Darwin.

Practitioners who wish to speak to the working party can do so on arrangement.

The closing date for submissions is 31 August, 1994.