

Reserved judgments: new procedures

The Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, MEJ Black CJ, has issued the following new uniform procedure for handling inquiries about reserved judgments in the Federal Court.

This procedure is as follows:

If a practitioner is concerned about a delay in delivering a reserved judgment in a case in which he or she is acting, the practitioner should raise the matter with the President of the Bar Association or the Law Society of the state or territory in which the case was heard — providing the names of the parties, the name of the judge or judges whose decision is reserved and the date on which the decision was reserved.

The President will refer the inquiry to the Chief Justice without disclosing the identity of the practitioner who has expressed the concern. The Chief Justice will then take up the matter with the judge or judges whose decision is reserved.

Indexes update

Progress has been made in cumulating the indexes to the NT Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal decisions.

Several indexes are in the final stages of checking before publication in July — these are the Parties Index for 1951-92 (\$80), Cases Judicially Considered 1977-92 (\$105) and Statutes Judicially Considered 1977-92 (\$30). Details of costs are approximate.

Indexes for 1993 should be finalised in two months. This data will then be added to these cumulations. Revised cumulations should be available before Christmas.

The Subject Index will involve considerably more work than the other three indexes and completion of the first draft of the cumulation for 1977-92 is not expected until October or November. The data on disk has only just been received by the library.

Order forms will be sent to all firms which responded to the recent Registration Card Update survey.

Law students' career hopes are basis of new study project

The career intentions of law students throughout Australia will be studied in a project of the Centre for Legal Education.

The project has received a grant of \$60,000 from the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

All Australian law students in their first and final years will be surveyed in August. A brief questionnaire will ask them for information about why they chose to study law and their career intentions when they complete their studies.

Australian Bureau of Statistics information indicates that only 70 per cent of people with legal qualifications are working as lawyers. The centre hopes to obtain a clearer estimate of the demand for places in the profession and also in its practical training programs. There are also hopes to repeat the study on an annual basis.

Students' career intentions can change and do not automatically translate into jobs, so the centre plans to supplement the current study with a later one detailing career destinations.

A national report and a report for each state and territory will be prepared. The Centre for Legal Education has been established by the Law Foundation of NSW.



BUILD YOUR PRACTICE INCOME

Be among the first solicitors in the Northern Territory to specialise in mediating disputes in an Australia wide franchise network. Be at the forefront of this entrepreneurial area of work by joining the Win Win Mediation franchise.

For information contact:

Raymond Johnstone
205 William Street
MELBOURNE 3000
Phone: (03) 608 7999
Fax: (03) 608 7728