

New Dean at Faculty Of Law NTU

The NTU Law Faculty is pleased to announce that Jenny Blokland, Senior Lecturer in Law has been appointed to the position of Dean as of 1 July 1996.

Centre for Southeast Asian Law – Formal Opening



The Hon Daryl Manzie MLA and Prof Ned Aughterson at the opening of CSEAL

The new Dean of the Faculty of Law, Jenny Blokland announced the formal opening of the Centre for Southeast Asian Law by the Honourable Daryl Manzie MLA on behalf of the Chief Minister. "Mr Manzie has provided strong support for the Centre since the initial proposal was prepared", Ms Blokland said.

"The Centre for Southeast Asian Law was established with a generous donation from the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund in the sum of \$750,000 which has been underwritten by the Northern Territory Government. The donation is being used for both the provision of infrastructure and the development of the Centre's *Master of Laws in Comparative Law* program."

Ms Blokland noted that the credit for the establishment of the Centre went to the Foundation Dean of Law Professor Ned Aughterson and the Centre's first director, Associate Professor Jesse Wu, who is an acknowledged expert in Malaysian commercial and industrial law. The Centre had appointed nine adjunct professors of law who are the only adjunct professors to be appointed by the NTU and all of whom are internationally recognised scholars in their chosen fields.

The Master of Laws in Comparative Law is a coursework degree which ex-

amines the laws and legal systems of a number of countries, with emphasis on the Southeast Asian region. The program is conducted externally and already has 30 students enrolled.

Ms Blokland said, "through the Centre, the Law Faculty hopes to meet in part some of the aspirations of the Northern Territory community. In particular, it aims to promote greater understanding of and interaction with, our Southeast Asian neighbours."

Honorary Solicitor Required

The Northern Territory Justices Association is seeking expressions of interest from members of the Law Society to fill the role of Honorary Solicitor.

A motion was carried at the Council meeting of the association "that an Honorary Solicitor may be appointed by the Council and he shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council. The Honorary Solicitor shall ex officio be a member of the Council but shall not have any voting power".

Interested parties should contact:

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Practice Directions

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Admiralty Act 1988

The Federal Court of Australia advise that the Chief Justice has issued Practice Note No 12 - Insurance of Property Arrested Under the *Admiralty Act* 1988.

The Note reads as follows:

"The *Admiralty Act* 1988 (Cth) provides for the arrest of property (including vessels) by the Marshal in actions *in rem*. The Marshal will obtain indemnity insurance for the period the vessel is in the possession of the Marshal. The cost of that insurance will be an expense incurred by the Marshal payable by the party issuing the writ for the arrest of the vessel. The Court may require that party to undertake to pay the cost of that insurance at the time the writ is issued.

The Marshal does not at any time during the period of the arrest hold commercial insurance for the benefit of any person who has an interest in the arrested property including cargo. Persons with an interest in the arrested property and their solicitors may wish to consider the question of insuring the amount of their interest against consequential risks, including risks occasioned by any movement of the vessel.

New Acts

The Northern Territory Attorney-General's Department advises that the Summary Offences Amendment Act (No 2) 1996 (No 22 of 1996) and Police Administration Amendment Act 1996 (No 21 of 1995) were passed by the Legislative Assembly during the May 1996 sittings and assented to by the Administrator on 17 June 1996.

The Acts will come into operation on 14 August 1996.



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further details.**