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## That Was Then, This is Now

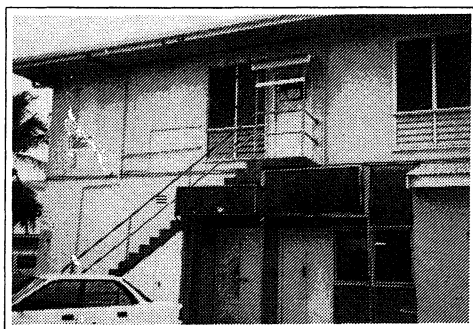
**The first (unshared) premises for the Law Society of the Northern Territory were a one-roomed office in Cavenagh Arcade, rented in 1979 for \$25 per week. The room lacked any airconditioning and was furnished with items donated by various lawyers.** The ability to rent these premises at all came about as a result of a decision of the then Council, under the presidency of Dean Mildren, to raise

revenue by increasing admission fees and introducing court boxes into the Supreme Court.

In 1984, the Law Society moved to more

ment to proceed with investigating the possibility of the Law Society taking up those premises was reached following comments made by the Chief Minister at the official opening of the LAWASIA office. At the Law Week lunch in May, the Chief Minister advised the President that arrangements should be put in place to turn the idea into reality and in November 1996, the Law Society of the Northern Territory moved into its new premises.

The Society now joins the NT The Solicitor-General and LAWASIA on the 11th floor of NT House and shares the very appropriate

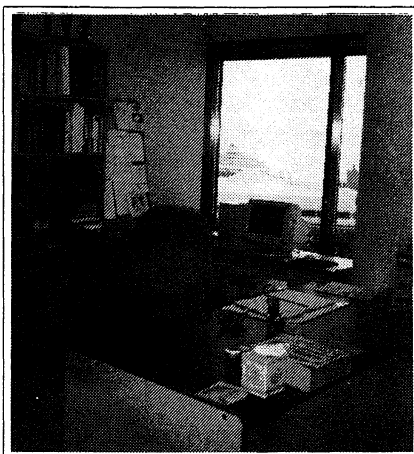


*As the world saw us 1984 - 1996*

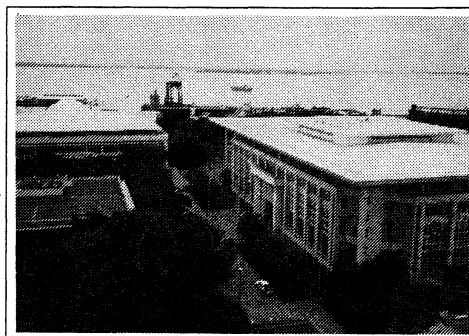
spacious premises on the first floor of the Chin Building, and in 1987 a larger suite of offices in the same location was refurbished and it was from these premises that the business of the Law Society has been conducted until November 1996.

Various Councils were aware of the need to upgrade the Law Society's premises and a largely fruitless search for suitable office space was ongoing.

In early 1996, the Executive Officer became aware that office accommodation at NT House may be available for rent. Agree-



*Ready for action in the new premises*



*As we now see the world - outlook over the Supreme Court and Parliament House*

views of the Supreme Court and Parliament House with these other denizens of the legal community.

The Territory profession, represented by its Society, can take pride and pleasure in this upgrade of accommodation. If nothing else, it is a testament to the work of those members who have, through the auspices of the Society, ensured that the Law Society of the Northern Territory has come of age in the context of the national profession.