



Society Noticeboard

Christmas Card Competition

The 1998 winner of the annual Fisher Jeffries Christmas card competition was Peter Wright a 3rd year student from the Bachelor of Visual Communication course, South Australia School of Art, UniSA, a Helpmann Academy partner.

Peter's winning design was a Christmas card size sculptural deckchair decorated with a lawyer's wig and an open book on the seat - proving that even high profile lawyers like to lay back with a good book over the Christmas holidays.

Fisher Jeffries is an Adelaide organisation of Barristers and Solicitors with a national and international clientele, all of whom will receive this very laid back Australian Christmas card.

The winner Peter 44 is a mature aged student who after being an art teacher for many years decided on a career change. He described his design: "This came about purely as a quest to find an alternative to the usual Christmas symbols. So I decided to focus on what Christmas time means to the general populous - celebration and holidays. The idea of using a deckchair, the symbol of relaxation and taking a break was obvious - and relaxing in a deckchair with a novel is a very Australian thing to do during the summer holidays.

Karen Thomas, Managing Partner of the company, and one of the judges said: "The competition provides a wonderful opportunity to encourage student's artistic development and also provides our clients with a memorable Christmas card that symbolises our client centred focus."

The prize to the winner was presented by Mrs Judith Roberts, AM, Helpmann Academy Chairperson, at a Cocktail party held in the firm's boardroom on Tuesday 20 October. When presenting the prizes Mrs Roberts admitted great relief that she was asked only to announce the winner and not be part of the judging panel. She said "Over the past four years that Fisher Jeffries have held this competition the standard of entries have reached even greater level of creativity, design and imagination, and once again the designs from all the finalists have been absolutely tremendous and really show the potential of these emerging designers."

Amendments to Regulations

Amendments to the Public Trustee Regulations and the Administration and Probate Regulations

The following amendments have been made. They were gazetted on 11 November 1998 and commence operation on 1 December 1998. The Public Trustee Regulations provide, in respect of deaths that occur on or after 1 December 1998, that:

- (a) the prescribed amount for the purposes of section 35 of the Public Trustee Act (administration of small estates); is \$20,000; and
- b) the prescribed amount for the purposes of section 53 and 54 of the Public Trustee Act (elections) is \$65,000.

For deaths that occur prior to 1 December 1998 the amounts currently prescribed in the Public Trustee Regulations will apply.

The Administration and Probate Regulations provide, in respect of deaths that occur on or after 1 December 1998, that:

- (a) the prescribed amount for the purposes of item 2 of Part I of schedule 6 of the Administration and Probate Act (dealing with the situation where an interstate person is survived by a spouse and issue) is \$120,000;
- (b) the prescribed amount for the purpose of item 3 of Part I of schedule 6 of the Administration and Probate Act (dealing with the situation where an interstate person is survived by a spouse and is not survived by issue) is \$500,000; and
- (c) the prescribed amount for the purposes of sections 106 and 108 of the Administration and Probate Act is \$20,000.

For deaths that occur prior to 1 December 1998 the amounts currently prescribed in the Administration and Probate Regulations will apply.

Commencement of Practice

Dr Geoffrey Boyce,
Neurologist

Wishes to advise the commencement of Practice in Medico-Legal Neurology at the Darwin Private Hospital.

Dr Boyce has a major interest in Medico-Legal Neurology particularly in spinal injuries and injuries to peripheral nerves. Dr Boyce has a long experience in this field.

He is an associate member of the Plaintiff Lawyers Association of Australia (APLA), he is an accredited expert witness of the Plaintiff Lawyers Association of the United Kingdom, and has recently been made a member of the Australasian College of Legal Medicine.

He has a particular interest in the American Medical Association guidelines fourth edition.

Consultation will be at the Darwin Private Hospital. Appointments should be made by calling 1800 816596. Dr Boyce is available for case conferences, and to review detailed files.

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