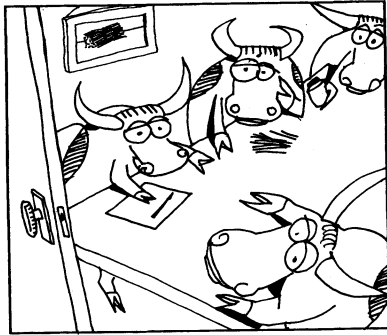


You never never know...

It was a national telephone hook-up of a Law Council working group. The delegates of the Law societies, bars and exec members had introduced themselves. But it seems not all were paying attention. Take Jack Rush QC. In Melbourne expertly dodging some committee work he said: "I am sorry I won't be able to assist. I'll be stuck in the Northern Territory for three months."

On cue the gravelly voice of El Presidente retorted: "Surely you won't be stuck Jack?"

The Muster Room



The eminent QC gulped and was silenced much to the delight of colleagues. "Cat got you tongue Jack?"

Ring in the rules

9 Amendments for the insurers registered under the Act  
7 Rules for the magistrates in the Work Health Court  
2 Conferences for the registrars in their directions hearing  
One Authority to pass rules for them all,  
One Authority to fine them,  
One Authority to change the Act and with the rules confound them  
In the Darwin courts where confusion grows.

(with apologies to JRR Tolkien)

Will you be practising on 1 October 1999?

All practitioners should be aware that as provided in Section 31 of the Legal Practitioner's Act (NT) practising certificates expire on 30 September 1999. Renewal information packs will be sent out to every practitioner in the first week of September. Please give the renewal information your immediate attention and ensure that your practising certificate is renewed prior to October 1, 1999. Sedgwick Limited, Insurance Brokers, have again arranged a premium funding facility with Hunter Premium Finance for the convenience of practitioners and details will be provided in the renewal pack. In order to comply with all the requirements, practitioners should work to the deadlines in the table opposite. Please also note:

1. Practising certificates can not be back dated prior to compliance.

Compliance means that the Law Society has received your correctly completed application for practising certificate, payment of the relevant fee, certificate of insurance from Sedgwick and, if applicable, proof of payment (copy of receipt) to the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund. The responsibility for obtaining a practising certificate lies with the practitioner. The Law Society has no obligation to ensure you have complied with the Legal Practitioners Act (NT).

Friday 18 September 1999 - Premium Funding	If you require premium funding for your insurance premium and/or practising certificate fees, you should send your Application for Premium Funding with Hunter Premium Finance (or other funding provider) by Friday, 18 September 1999. This provides an allowance for the required cheque clearance and acceptance of contract and Hunter Premium Finance have agreed to ensure that payment is made to Sedgwick and/or the Law Society prior to 30 September 1999. Send your Insurance Declaration to Sedgwick and your Application for Practising Certificate to the Law Society and advise both parties that payment will be made by the premium financier prior to 30 September 1999.
Tuesday 21 September 1999 - Professional Indemnity Insurance	Insurance Declarations should be provided to Sedgwick by 21 September 1999. Once Insurance Declaration and payment have been received, Sedgwick will provide a certificate of insurance to the firm/practitioner and to the Society.
Friday 24 September 1999 - Application for Practising Certificate	We urge all firms and practitioners to lodge applications for Practising Certificates with the Society by September 24, 1999 - to provide the Society with sufficient time to process the application and/ or follow up any anomalies.

Certificates of Insurance can not be back dated prior to compliance.

Compliance means that Sedgwick has re-

ceived your correctly completed insurance declaration and payment (from you or premium funder) in order to issue a certificate of insurance.