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child witness you should take very great care to ensure that you do not influence the child in any way that will lead the child to express himself or herself in a way which misrepresents the impact of their evidence. You should endeavour to ensure that no-one else influences the child in such a way.

Cross-examining counsel may wish to explore with the child witness the issue of the influence of others. In many cases ideas are planted by trusted adults. Those ideas may be deliberately planted in order to obtain some advantage. In other cases the adult may plant the ideas without consciously intending to do so or in the belief that something "must have" happened and in an endeavour to ensure the "truth" emerges. An exploration of the discussions a child witness has had with others may prove a fruitful source of challenge to the reliability of the witness.

Dealing with child witnesses requires a great deal of sensitivity and care. It is important to remember that children fall within a special class of witness and need to be treated accordingly.

NT LEGISLATION

Legislative changes in September 2000, notified in the NT Government Gazette.

New Acts

1/2000 Law Of Property Act 2000 (1.12.00)

2/2000 Land Title Act 2000 (1.12.00)

44/2000 Crown Lands Amendment Act 2000 (1.12.00)

45/2000 Land Title (Consequential Amendments) Act 2000 (1.12.00)

46/2000 Law Of Property (Consequential Amendments) Act 2000 (1.12.00)

New Regulations

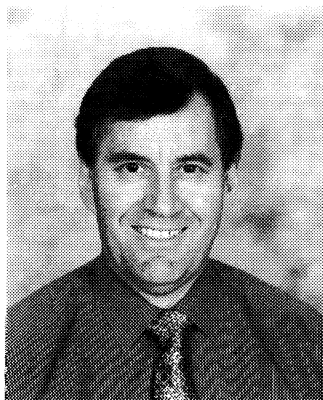
47/2000 Electricity Reform (Safety And Technical) Regulations (13.9.00)

CORRECTION

Around the NT Bar in the September 2000 edition of *Balance* incorrectly stated Mr Tippet joined the bar in 1988. Mr Tippet joined the bar in 1985.

AROUND THE NT BAR

These profiles are the first in a series contributed by the NT Bar Association featuring barristers in the Northern Territory. Both the following barristers work at William Forster Chambers in Darwin.



Ned Aughterson

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Ned was first admitted to practice as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1977. He moved to the Territory in 1986. He has two degrees of LL.B (Hons), LL.M and PhD from the University of Queensland.

Ned has a strong background in tertiary legal education. In 1979 he took up an academic appointment at the University of Queensland. He was Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Law and now holds the position of Foundation Professor of Law at Northern Territory University. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Essex in England and at the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law at Freiburg, Germany.

He has a number of publications in the areas of property law, criminal law and international law, including the book *Extradition: Australian law and procedure*, LBC, 1995.

He joined William Forster Chambers as a barrister in April 1999. He has been a member of the NT Council of Law Reporting, the NT Legal Practitioners' Admission Board and the NT-Indonesia Legal Cooperation Council. He is also an accredited mediator.

Ned is married and has three sons. His

interests include theatre, literature and tennis.

Ned's area of practice includes: extradition law, commercial law, common law, equity, property law, building and construction law, alternative dispute resolution, insurance law, administrative and constitutional law.

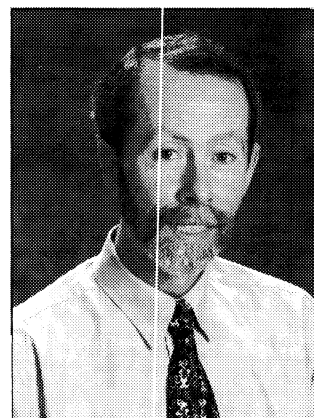
Peter Barr

Peter was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in July 1976. He moved to the Territory in October 1976 to take up the position of employed solicitor with Cridland & Bauer (now Cridlands).

From 1979 to 1991 Peter worked as a sole practitioner. During the period 1986-89 Peter was a member, then Deputy Chairman and Acting-Chairman of the NT Planning Authority.

Peter started practice at the Independent Bar in January 1993.

Peter has been an RAN Specialist Reserve



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Legal Officer since 1977. He acts as a part-time Chairperson of the Northern Territory Disciplinary Appeal Board (for the public sector). He has held the honorary position of Consul for Belgium since 1989.

He speaks French fluently and some Italian.

Peter's area of practice includes: commercial and general litigation, personal injury, workers compensation, professional negligence (including medical negligence), Trade Practices and town planning. He is also available to do coronial appearance work.