

PEOPLE AND THE LAW



Josie Burness is a constable at Alice Springs Police Station.

Background: Graduated from Northern Territory University in 1994. Joined Northern Territory Police in 1995. Completed Articles with the DPP Alice Springs in 1999, then returned to the police force.

Most memorable case/file? None.

Who are your role models and why? Females who have attained high levels in their employment.

Your favourite place in the Territory? Kakadu and Litchfield Park — because I love camping and relaxing in the bush.

Community involvement: I play A grade basketball and am involved with the Central Australian Western Riders Inc (horse riding club).

Complete this sentence. *I couldn't live without...* my husband.

If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy? I wouldn't buy anything, I would save it for emergency expenses.

What book are you reading at the moment? John Grisham's *The Testament*.

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People in the Law

Why don't you nominate someone you know for People in the Law. Why not even nominate yourself!

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Margaret Babington is the Executive Assistant to Chief Justice Brian Martin.

Background: Born and schooled in the United Kingdom. Fell in love and moved to Australia. Following the children's schooling commenced working for a legal firm in PNG. Moved to Darwin in 1987 and have been with the Chief Justice since 1988.

Most memorable case/file? Not relevant.

Who are your role models and why? Mother Theresa — for her saintliness and contribution to humanity.

Your favourite place in the Territory and why? Surprise Creek (prior to general discovery) because of its solitude and beauty.

Community involvement: Not as much since the children have grown up but still contribute as a volunteer to church work.

Complete this sentence. *I couldn't live without...* the wet season in Darwin just to remind me of how bad things can be.

If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy? A ticket on a slow boat to China (steerage class).

What book are you reading at the moment? *Death in the afternoon* by Ernest Hemingway.



Jude Lee is Principal Solicitor with the Australian Government Solicitor.

Background: Chinese origin, born in England, raised in Malaysia. Migrated to Australia in 1973. Moved to the Territory in 1994 after falling in love with the place during a holiday in 1992. First admitted in Victoria in 1988. Since then I have practised mainly in litigation and worked for both private law firms and government organisations.

Most memorable case/file? Having a short memory I would say my most recent case, namely, *Cubillo & Gunner - v - Commonwealth of Australia*, which involved claims by two members of the "Stolen Generation".

Who are your role models and why? I have a lot of respect for Nelson Mandela because of his wisdom, wit, charity and preparedness to stake his life for what he believed in.

Your favourite place in the Territory? My luscious tropical backyard with my family.

Community involvement: Last year I successfully ran an equal opportunity action against a major airline company to change internationally a policy of the company which discriminated against persons reliant on wheelchairs.

Complete this sentence. *I couldn't live without...* my wife and son.

If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy? A bottle of helium gas so that I could busk on a city street corner in my wheelchair in a very high voice.

What book are you reading at the moment? A very amusing and insightful novel by critically acclaimed local author Stephen Gray called *Lungfish*.