

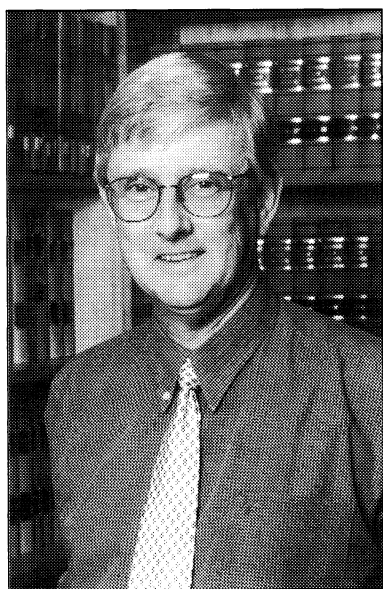
AROUND THE NT BAR

Lex Silvester

Lex Silvester is a barrister at William Forster Chambers in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Lex was first admitted as a solicitor in Victoria in 1970. He moved to the Territory in November 1970 to practice law both as a sole practitioner and employed solicitor. Lex became later a partner of Mildrens, Darwin. He has the degrees of Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Jurisprudence from Monash University. In 1994 Lex joined William Forster Chambers in Darwin as a barrister.

Lex's areas of practice include commercial law, common law and administrative law.



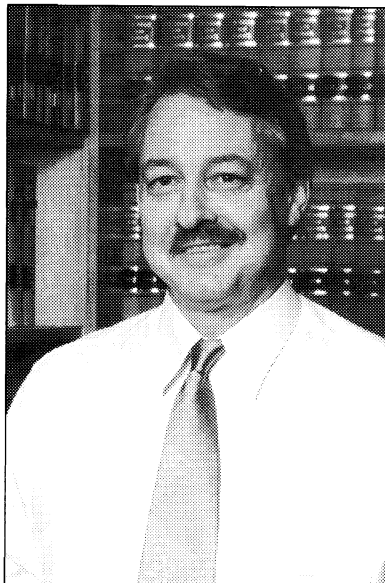
The majority of his work include business and commercial ventures, arbitration and business dispute resolution, contract, corporations law, common law damages claims and defamation, economic torts, equity, revenue and tax and trade practices, migration, planning and licensing law.

He has also worked on project development and contracting in Australia and other countries.

Lex and his partner Joanne have five children. He daughter Sophie was recently admitted to practice in the Northern Territory. Lex's interest include golf and fishing. Lex is a teacher with the Australian Advocacy Institute and teaches advocacy at Northern Territory University.

Colin McDonald QC

Colin McDonald QC is a barrister at William Forster Chambers in Darwin, Northern Territory.



Colin was first admitted as a solicitor in Victoria in 1975. He undertook articles of clerkship with Russell Kennedy and Cook where he continued to work in banking and commercial law until 1977.

During 1978 to 1979 Colin was an Associate to Justice McGarvie of the Victorian Supreme Court. He worked at the Victoria Bar from 1980 to 1981 where he read with Frank Vincent, now Justice Vincent of the Victorian Supreme Court. He has remained a full financial member of the Victorian Bar since 1980.

Colin moved to the Territory in November 1981 to practice law. He commenced work as a solicitor with the North Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service in December 1981 and worked there until May 1984.

Colin has been at the Northern Territory Independent Bar since May 1984. He was appointed Queen's Counsel on 24 January 1997.

His committee involvement has included the position of inaugural president of the NT Criminal Lawyers Association, former president of the NT Bar Association, and member of the Australian Indonesia Institute between 1989 to 1994, Chairman of the NT Museums and Art Galleries Board between 1997 to 2000 and a

member of the board of directors of the Cambodian Legal Resource Development Center in Phnom Penh. He is the inaugural and current president of the NT Branch of the International Commission of Jurists.

Colin is admitted to practice law in Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria. He speaks Bahasa Indonesia and collects Indonesian art and folk art.

Colin's area of practice includes: administrative and public law, appellate and trial work in criminal and civil cases in both the Supreme Court and the Federal Court.

Taiwan conference to feature NTU expert

The Northern Territory University's Director of the Centre for Southeast Asian Law, Dr Christoph Antons, will be a key speaker at a Taiwan conference later this month.

Titled, Rules of Technology Transfer in Asian Countries, the conference is sponsored by the Fair Trade Commission, the Intellectual Property Office and the Science Council of Taiwan.

Dr Antons, who is currently a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, Hamburg, is an expert in intellectual property rights and Southeast Asian Law.

It was this combined expertise that prompted Taiwan's Academia Sinica to invite Dr Antons to appear at the conference, 25-26 May 2001.

The conference has been organised by the Academia Sinica and the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law in Munich.

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