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that involved identifying many more potential jurors than the Chief Justice's precept required. The Sheriff's officers then went out and served summonses until the number necessary to fulfill the precept had been served. The officers did not bother to serve the rest. It was thought that this led to the imbalance in the number of females because, at the time of service, there were more females at home and available for service than males. Nader J allowed the challenge noting that "there is to be no loose practice in the summoning of persons whose names are drawn in the ballot". He held that there need be substantial, if not strict, compliance with the provisions of the *Juries Act* for the selection of a jury.

It will be the members of the jury who make the final decision in the case. The composition of the jury is a matter largely beyond the control of counsel. With care and acute observation you may be able to have some small influence upon that matter.

- 1 *Challenging a Potential Juror for Cause*. McCrimmon 23 UNSW Law Journal 127
- 2 NSWLRC Report 48

AROUND THE NT BAR

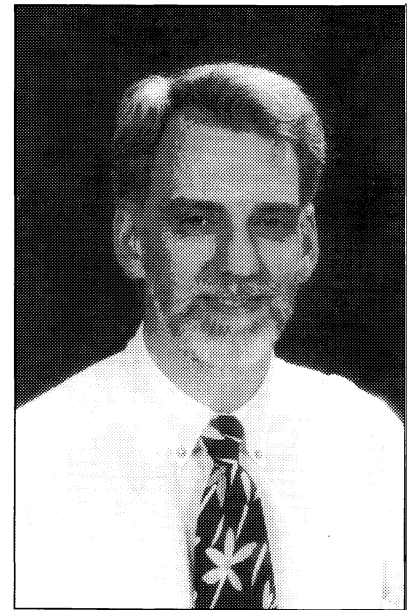
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He has appeared in residence and property trials in the Family Court and at most levels of the criminal justice system including jury trials and before the Court of Criminal Appeal.

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