

# LSNT Council 02/03: The Executive

The new Council, voted in at the AGM in early September, saw some "old" faces return and new ones join. *Balance* asked the councillors some "probing" questions in order to introduce you to them.



Name: Ian Morris  
Position: President (re-elected)  
Real Job: Partner, Hunt & Hunt

Why did you re-nominate for the Law Society Council?

*I couldn't get out of the way fast enough (see answer below).*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*Weight*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

*Survival, survival, survival.*

Who's your favorite author?

*Nelson De Mille*

What song in the world summarises you?

*People are Crazy and the Times are Strange by Bob Dylan.*



Name: Eileen Terrill  
Position: Secretary (re-elected)  
Real Job: Partner, Terrill & Associates

Why did you re-nominate for the Law Society Council?

*Because I wanted to ensure that sole practitioners/smaller practices had a say on relevant matters and that it was not dominated by the interests of larger firms.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*Experience in running a small practice, 25 years of legal practice in the Territory, in both small and larger practices and in running a government office.*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

- 1. The increasing costs of running a practice and trying to make a reasonable living for ourselves instead of just keeping ahead of constant demands for payment of taxation of all descriptions and increasing the profits of the banks.*
- 2. Keeping up with client's demands - their perception is that everything should be done immediately upon communication with us.*
- 3. In some sectors, the availability of work, particularly given the increasing competition by interstate firms for some types of local work.*

Who's your favorite author?

*Nigella Lawson (I love reading cookbooks but cannot remember when I actually last cooked a meal!)*

What song in the world summarises you?

*Don't know if it summarises me but I have had it sung to me by many different people numerous times - Come On Eileen!*



Name: Merran Short  
Position: Vice-President (re-elected)  
Real Job: Partner, De Silva Hebron

Why did you re-nominate for the Law Society Council?

*Because the Law Society is like a black hole and you can get sucked into the vortex, never to come out.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*A sense of humour. Let's face it, the meetings can get a bit dry and Morrie is not **that** funny!!!*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

*The clients, the clients and oh, the clients.*

Who's your favorite author?

*I would like to say someone highbrow, but really it is a tie between Tom Clancy 'cause I just love that Jack Ryan (he should be President of the world) and Matthew Reilly (who wrote Ice Station and Area 7) 'cause Schofield rocks!!*

What song in the world summarises you?

*Every Breath You Take by The Police, 'cause I like to keep breathing, I find it helps me live.*



Name: Duncan Maclean  
Position: Treasurer (re-elected)  
Real Job: Partner, Cridlands

Why did you re-nominate for the Law Society Council?

*Good question - I have been asking myself that - I would like to complete some of the projects that have been started, particularly in the IT and web development areas. I also have a masochistic streak which surfaces from time to time.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*Hopefully some insight from a commercial lawyer's perspective on current issues, some accumulated knowledge from my previous two years on Council, and a refined and practiced ability to critically assess the quality of nibbles and biscuits provided at monthly Council meetings.*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

*Indemnity insurance, training of lawyers (at the NTU, during articles and post-admission), who will win the AFL premiership (and why people watch rugby league?!?!)*

Who's your favorite author?

*Mmm, tough one. It's a toss up between Peter Hamilton, Tom Clancy or Iain Banks.*

What song in the world summarises you?

*Ship of Fools by World Party... "We're setting sail to a place on the map from which no-one will ever return..."*

# LSNT Council 02/03: The Councillors



Name: Sue Oliver  
Position: Councillor (re-elected)  
Real Job: Policy advisor, Dept of Justice

Why did you re-nominate for the Law Society Council?

*The Council began some projects of significance to the development of the profession in 2001/02 through the working groups that were formed and I wanted to continue to take part in that work. I have also become addicted to the goldfish biscuits at Council meetings.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*My handbag*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal profession today?

*The impact of the development of the National Legal Profession, improving the public perception of the legal profession, maintaining a role of providing constructive comment on legal issues of public concern.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*Kathy Reichs, but I'm fickle*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Crazy Mama by JJ Cale.*



Name: Melanie Little  
Position: Councillor  
Real Job: Private practitioner

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?

*I think there's been a mistake. I thought I was nominating for the Lawn Croquet Society.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*Knitting and a good book (sometimes I can get a whole sleeve finished during a meeting).*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

*Maintaining professional standing. Lawyers should always be upright while at the bar table and always walk a straight line, before and after closing.*

*Maintaining a clean profession. I'm particularly keen to discover an effective method of cleaning laksa and pasta sauce from jabots.*

*There are no other challenges facing the NT legal fraternity.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*The Editor of the NT News*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*I Shot the Sheriff (with apologies to Chris Cox) or Will there be Big Rigs in Heaven.*



Name: Markus Spazzapan  
Position: Councillor  
Real Job: Private practitioner

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?  
*Time I put in some effort into the Society after so many years of being a member.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*Ian Morris being president.*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

*Indemnity insurance, continuing legal education and the structure of articles.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*F Kafka*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Like an Oil Spill by The Saints*



Name: Glen Dooley  
Position: Councillor  
Real Job: Crown Prosecutor, ODPP

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?

*After 13 years in the NT in this caper I thought it was time to contribute to the Law Society. I saw that few councillors in the 2001/02 line-up had Legal Aid (particularly Aboriginal LS) experience so I thought I might add something to the mix.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*Plenty of experience of working in small towns/Aboriginal communities and an appreciation of the difficulties involved for lawyers and their clients. Earnestness and hopefully some commonsense.*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?

- 1. Increasing public confidence in the profession.*
- 2. Increasing the opportunity for Northern Territorians, particularly indigenous Territorians, to be both trained in the law and have the opportunity to practice here in the NT.*
- 3. Improving the quality of legal services to the community.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*William Wharton (Birdy, Dad, A Midnight Clear, Scumbler, Last Lovers)*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Lost in the Supermarket by The Clash (from London Calling album)*

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Name: Stuart Barr  
Position: Councillor  
Real Job: Senior Solicitor, NTLAC

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?  
*Suzan Cox made me*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*Sartorial elegance*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?  
*Implications of National Practice, Costs of Practising, especially PII, Professional conduct standards*

Who's your favorite author?  
*Sean Williams*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Red Red Wine*



Name: Michael Grove  
Position: Councillor  
Real Job: Partner, Ward Keller

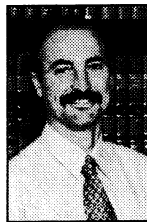
Why did you run for the Law Society Council?  
*I will never "run" for the Law Society - I might nominate, but I never run.*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*A biro?*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?  
*The profession's reputation within the community, erosion of common law rights and remedies, the rest.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*Alexandre Dumas*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*I refuse to be summarised!*



Name: Tony Whitelum  
Position: Councillor, A/S rep  
Real Job: Partner, Morgan Buckley

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?  
*Fate*

What do you bring to the Law Society?

*An uncomplicated (as distinct from simple) countrified perspective*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?  
*Not necessarily in order - competition; the community's perception of the law and the profession; our self-regulation and its cost.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*Justice Angel because one of his judgements was my first NT appeal win. Very learned man.*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Just a Boy by Leo Sayer*



Name: Nardine Collier  
Position: Councillor, Alternate A/S rep  
Real Job: Partner, Collier & Deane

Why did you run for the Law Society Council?  
*Particularly in Alice Springs, the practice of law has, for me, been very rewarding and so*

*it was time to contribute something in return, even if it is a small role. It will be a fun year!*

What do you bring to the Law Society?  
*A sense of humour and lots of enthusiasm!*

What are, in your mind, the three biggest issues and/or challenges facing the NT legal fraternity today?  
*The first issue that comes to mind is the unfortunate and misplaced criticism the legal fraternity has received this past year over the rise in insurance premiums.*

Who's your favorite author?  
*Before I became a Mum, my favorite author was Maeve Binchey. Now it is Dr Green (a "parenting" specialist), followed closely by Dr Seuss.*

What song in the world summarises you?  
*Affirmation by Savage Garden*

Also on the Council but missing from this survey are Jon Tippet QC (Immediate Past President) and Michael Grant (Bar Association representative).