

Thanks from DCLS

Last month, the Darwin Community Legal Service (DCLS) symbolically thanked the entire Territory legal profession by presenting a copy of the third edition of the Law Handbook to NT Attorney General, Dr Peter Toyne.

The presentation was made in acknowledgement of the important contribution solicitors and barristers make to the community by volunteering at DCLS.

"We have almost 60 volunteers on our books, from the private profession and the public sector, who give up their time for people who might not otherwise be able to access legal advice. For a small jurisdiction like the NT it is a great effort," Coordinator of DCLS, Caitlin Perry, said.

"Each week, volunteer lawyers provide free legal advice to up to 30 people at legal advice clinics around Darwin.



Ms Caitlin Perry from Darwin Community Legal Service presenting NT Attorney General Dr Peter Toyne with a copy of the Law Handbook.

"Volunteers were also the backbone behind the production of the Law Handbook. Over 100 local lawyers researched and wrote chapters for the invaluable

resource for the legal profession and public alike," she said.^①

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through the submissions of other counsel or through the questions of the court. Kirby J, in an article written in 1995¹, and which will repay reading, said:

"Directness in an advocate is a great strength. Candid acknowledgement of a problem may even enlist the assistance of the court, if the merits suggest that course."

When the court is constituted by more than one judge you should endeavour to avoid doing so.

Whilst appellate advocacy is necessarily different from other advocacy the principles and practices you have applied elsewhere should underlay the presentation of your argument to the appellate body.^①

Endnotes:

¹Ten Rules of Appellate Advocacy Kirby J (1995) 69 ALJ 964 at 971

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