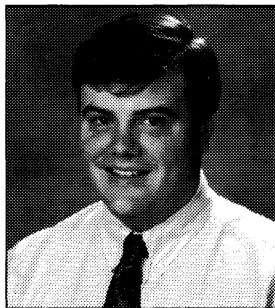


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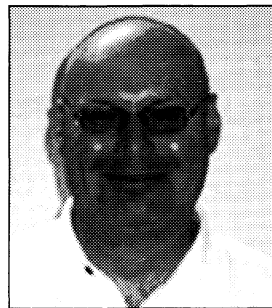
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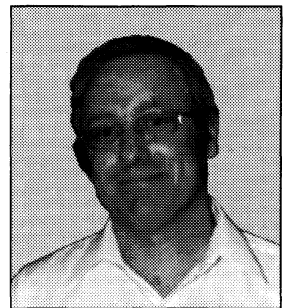
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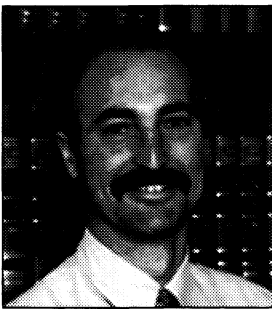
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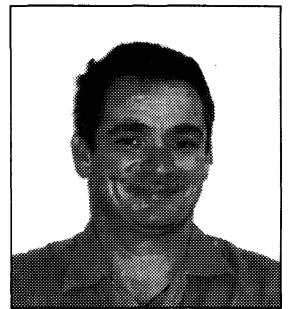
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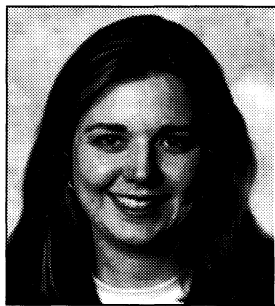
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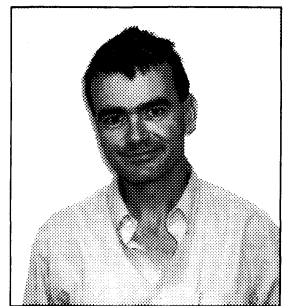
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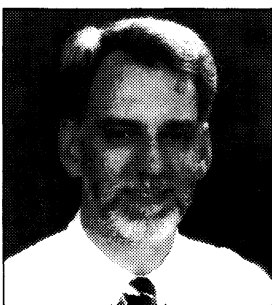
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NT Bar Association Rep*



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Presidential farewell

This is my final report as President of NTWL. I have resigned and a new Committee has been elected. The new Committee is made up as follows: President, Gabrielle Martin; Secretary, Jodi Mather; Treasurer, Frieda Evans; and Committee Members, Sharon Krause, Heather Ross, Shirley Rowe and Artemis Kaltourimidis.

It's great to see so many new faces on the Committee and I urge you all to get behind your Committee and support them as much as you can throughout the coming year.

As outgoing President I would like to thank my Committee Frieda Evans, Megan Lennie, Jo Tomlinson, Sylvia Tomazos, Shirley Rowe and Marguerite Bowen for their great support during the year.

I also wish to thank Judge Thomas for her support during the year and her continuing support of our organization.

I have enjoyed my role as President of NTWL and I have made many friends and contacts in the profession. Being a member of the Australian Women Lawyers Board was also a very worthwhile experience and a great way of meeting fellow professional women from all over Australia.

On a personal note I will be leaving Darwin to move to Melbourne. I have lived in the Territory for over 20 years, and I know that I will miss the lifestyle and my friends, but the time has come to make the move. I have enjoyed working in the law in the Territory and would especially like to thank Hunt & Hunt for their support of NTWL during my Presidency.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

November 2002 - Christmas Drinks A great night, well attended, and champagne flowed freely, very

kindly donated by Hunt & Hunt.

February 2003 - Wine Tasting, presented by Vintage Cellars. This was held at the offices of Hunt & Hunt, Cavenagh Street, Darwin. This was a great success, a mixed function with some very nice wines. We also managed to score a few new members on the night. Big thanks to Vintage Cellars.

April 2003 - Quiz Night. This was held at Waratahs Sports Club, and it was an enjoyable afternoon. It was however a bit of a shame to see such little support from women lawyers, most of the attendees were friends and family, and I thank them all very much for attending. The prizes were great. A big thank you to the Fannie Bay Shopping Centre for the wonderful basket of goodies and Centrebet for a voucher.

June 2003 - Patron's Drinks (on the Supreme Court balcony). As usual this was a great success and very well attended. It was also wonderful that many new members signed up on the night. It was great to see so many new women lawyers coming along to the function and becoming members.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS

I attended the Australian Women Lawyers Board Meeting (AWL) on Sunday 13 April 2003. It was a marathon event, starting at 9am and finishing at 4.30pm. It was great to



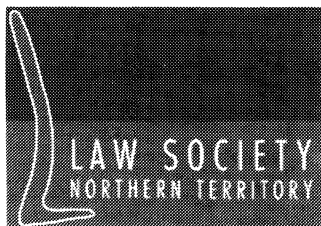
Sandra Robinson, NTWL President

catch up with these women who are really committed to raising awareness of women's issues in the law. Gabrielle Martin will be your new representative on the Board, and if there are any issues that you wish to raise with the National Body, please let her know.

This was the year that Justice Gaudron retired from the High Court. The replacement by a male judge caused some friction amongst many ranks of the legal profession and several state attorneys-general are who were of the opinion that a female should have been selected.

The national body was very vocal in expressing its disappointment and wrote many editorials and letters to attorneys-general and relevant ministers. AWL has now resolved to start lobbying government now, to adopt a selection criteria that has been prepared by the Law Council of Australia, when they are assessing suitability for appointment of judges to the High Court.^①

Why not use the Law Society's boardroom for your next meeting?



Hire rate: \$264 for a full day
\$137.50 for a half day (4 hours)
+ \$27.50 for every hour thereafter
(all prices include GST)