

CDU Law School update

As I sit down to write this Semester 2 is half gone and the line of students at my door trying to work out what I really meant by those essay questions is growing. Hopefully we will all work it out before November!

In the meantime, the launch of the external program in law and the enrolment of Alice Springs students through Centralian College has seen an initial increase in student numbers which should continue to grow as more subjects are made available for external study in 2004, and beyond. It is hoped that these and other initiatives will enable an increase in staffing levels at the Law School to about 14 full-time staff over the next five years.

Perhaps the good readers of *Balance* are not aware of who the staff at the Law School are nowadays. This month we set out to answer that question! There are currently eight members of Law School staff. They are: Prof. Ned Aughterson (Head of School), Stephen Gray, Marco Piazza, Usha Vidot, Ken Parish, Phillip Eatwell, Meredith Day and Khami Nyuant (Bill Herd is currently on leave).

In addition there are many part-time or "external" lecturers and tutors who have taught at the Law School this year. The contribution of these people is outstanding and (bearing in mind that none of them would have done it for the money and some weren't paid at all!) it is a testament to the personal commitment that members of the NT profession are prepared to make to legal education. Commitment to training of students and young lawyers is one of the defining attributes of law as a profession. That ethos appears to be alive and well in the NT.

As a tribute we have decided to "out" our 2003 contributors in this column. (Please note that whilst I have tried to ensure that this is a complete list my sincere apologies go to those inevitably left off. If you contact me I will promise to perform some appropriate penance.)

The 2003 part-time lecturers are: Justice Mildren (Legal History); Rex Wild QC (Advocacy); John Lowndes SM (Advanced Legal Research and Writing); Jenny Blokland SM

(Evidence); Anthony Beven (Corporations Law and two business law subjects); Matthew Storey (Environmental and Planning Law, Indigenous Peoples and Property Law and Indigenous Peoples and the Legal System); Bill Parish (Trusts); Alexis Fraser (Evidence); Paul Ewens (Succession); John Munn (Succession); Rob Jobson (Principles of Criminal Law); Peter Tiffin (Employment Law); Michelene Lee (Human Rights Law); Ann Glen, Peter McNab and Cassandra Goldie (all International Law); and Leon Loganathan (business subject Introduction to Law).

Those who have been involved in tutoring are Philip Jamieson (Contract); Donna Strachan (Legal Process Research and Writing); Cherie Pitman (Torts) and in Alice Springs, Nardine Collier (Torts) and Gerry Green (Legal Process Research and Writing). Members of University staff (but not Law School) who have been involved in lecturing or tutoring are Chris Howse (Criminal Law) and Fiona Hussin (Legal Process).

The Law School extends its sincere thanks to all of the above people and indeed all of those who have contributed at any time. Without your

efforts it would not be possible to continue to run the law program in the NT. The Law School staff hope that you will all join us, together with our other friends in the profession (we know you're out there!) for a drinks function on 28 November 2003, time and venue to be announced later.

If you were not named above but you would still like to be involved, don't despair, there is still an (unpaid) opportunity! Readers of a previous column might recall that Messrs Morris and Grant spent a fabulous few hours in the moot court in semester 1 living out their judicial fantasies for the edification of students. Well, torts mooting is on again, and it's bigger and better! The moots will be held 3-4 November in the moot court in building 39. If you want to help out by acting as a judge (or even just want to work the video camera!) we'd love to have your help. Please contact me (see below) to obtain further details and a copy of the problems. It is not necessary to be available for the full two days, just a couple of hours would allow you to participate in one moot. It'll be a hoot!

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2003 CLE Program

22 Oct AustralAsia Railway Project
- Challenges Overcome -
Alastair Shields

19 Nov TBA - Justice Angel

Prices are \$22 members, \$27.50 non-members, \$5.50 students (all include GST).

The CLE presentations are videoconferenced to venues in Alice Springs and Katherine.

Please note that a Darwin venue has not been finalised for the October seminar, details will be provided as soon as they are available.

The Katherine venue is the Katherine

Regional Tourist Association, cnr Stuart Highway and Lindsay Street, and the Alice Springs venue is the Central Australian Division Primary Health Care Centre on 54 Hartley Street.

Bookings are essential.

CLE presentations are available on video (up until August 2002) or on CD (Sept 2002, Jan 2003, Feb 2003, Mar 2003). Information handouts from the CLEs can be obtained from the Law Society Northern Territory.

For more information ring Sonya at the Law Society on 8981-5104.