

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah Thompson from Morgan Buckley and Sarah Hannon from Clayton Utz who were recently admitted.①

Joke

MR was sent this joke, which has been doing the rounds lately.

A fellow wandered into the local pet store and noticed three identical-looking parrots on a perch. The salesman, noting his interest, comments: "The parrot on the left costs \$500".

"Why does the parrot cost so much?" asks the customer.

"Parrots are exotic birds but this parrot knows how to do legal research."

The fellow then asks about the next parrot, to be told that this one costs \$1000. "Because it can do everything the other parrot can do plus it knows how to write a brief that will win any case."

The startled customer then asks about the third parrot, only to be told it costs \$5000.

"What can it do?" he asks.

"To be honest," replies the salesman,

"I've never seen him do anything, but the other two call him the Senior Partner." ①

Costly articles

In a recent case in Victoria, a solicitor has lost his practising certificate and been fined \$16,500 after he was found guilty of misconduct. It has also been recommended to the Supreme Court that he be struck off the roll.

The most serious charge was ruled to be his intimidation of an articulated clerk.

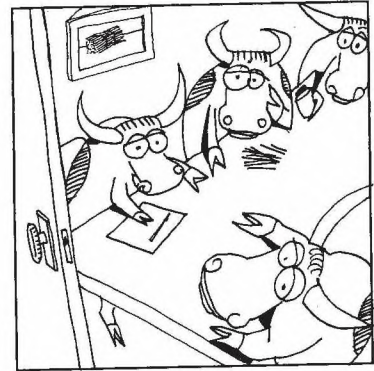
The solicitor in question demanded a \$1000 'articles premium' from his article clerk, or else he would be fired.

After the articulated clerk had completed his studies, a further \$1000 was demanded for the clerk to continue in the position.

Following discussions about the clerk buying the practice, the solicitor demanded money for alleged overpaid wages and also threatened to report the overpayments to the Board of Examiners for Legal Practitioners.

The clerk made weekly payments for four months after the solicitor threatened to terminate his articles unless he paid \$10,000.

The Muster Room



After the clerk had sought legal advice and had been sacked, the solicitor demanded \$40,000 in damages. ①

Something in the water

MR is not sure what they've put in the water at CAALAS, but it's not only Kim Kilvington who's showed his literary talent. Another CAALAS solicitor, Danielle Loy recently had her play *Justice* was performed by Red Dust Theatre. MR also hears that Danielle has also been offered a publishing contract for the childrens books she has written. ①

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