

Southwood's appointment celebrated in Darwin

On Wednesday 6 October, NT Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne hosted a function at Parliament House to congratulate Steve Southwood QC on his appointment as President of the Law Council of Australia.

COMMENTS OF CONGRATULATIONS:

"The NTBA welcomes the election of our erstwhile Vice President, Steve Southwood QC, as President of the Law Council. From our experience of the contribution that Steve Southwood has made to the NTBA's activities over the years, we are confident that his time as President of the Law Council will produce outstanding results for that organisation. To use a boxing term, we think Steve's achievement is yet another example of the Northern Territory "punching above its weight" at the national level. As one of the newest members of the Law Council, the NTBA looks forward to working with Steve in his new position."

- John Reeves QC, President of the NT Bar Association

"I would like to congratulate Stephen Southwood QC on his well deserved election as the President of the Law Council of Australia.

Mr Southwood has fought to protect the legal principles and institutions that underpin Australian democracy since his arrival in the Territory 20 years ago.

I know he'll continue to fight the good fight with his elevation to the Presidency.

I also wish Mr Southwood well on his push to broaden the contact between the Australian legal profession and our neighbours in Asia."

- Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne



Colin MacDonald QC, Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne, John Lawrence and Tony Elliott

"On behalf of the Territory Opposition, as Shadow Attorney-General and a former practitioner, I warmly congratulate Steve Southwood QC on becoming the first lawyer from the Northern Territory to become President of Law Council of Australia.

I agree with Merran Short's comments in the last edition of *Balance* that this is a great achievement by Steve, and a great achievement for the Northern Territory.

The legal profession will be well-served by Steve Southwood in his



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feature

new and exciting role. He has a demonstrated commitment to serving the profession as a member of the Law Council Executive, former President of the Law Society and former Vice-President of the Bar Association. He is a fine advocate and skilled negotiator; qualities that make him ideally suited to represent the profession at a national level.

I wish him well."

- *Shadow Attorney-General Jodeen Camey*

"What a wonderful achievement. It's not only an honour for Steve but for the Northern Territory as a whole. Steve commenced practice at the Northern Territory Bar in 1990 and now he's the President of the Law Council of Australia. It's a vote of confidence in his undoubted abilities and the strength of the legal system in the Northern Territory."

- *Chief Minister Clare Martin*

"Was life getting too quiet for you? Congratulations. From the brave new world to your North."

- *Peter Fanning, HNR Lawyers*



TOP: Chief Justice Brian Martin, Steve Southwood QC and Tom Pauling QC

ABOVE: Jenny Hardy, Caroline Edwards and Peter McNab

LEFT: The Hon Austin Asche AO QC, Peter Barr QC and Neville Henwood

BELOW: Steve Southwood with his wife Denise and their children Ben and Amy.

