

Marco Saccotelli - Ward Keller (Darwin)

Brief career history:

Admitted in Melbourne in 1996. Specialised in taxation law and obtained a Masters in Tax Law in 1998. Worked for Deacour, Cornwall Stodurt and Harwood Andrews Lawyers.

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

I wasn't very good at physics, maths or chemistry. I liked the idea of being paid to think in an area that is complex and ever changing.

How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?

One and a half years. The job at Ward Keller.

What is the best, and the worst, thing about living and working in the Territory?

Worst - no major concerts or good shopping.

Best - not much traffic on the roads,

friendly people and relaxed lifestyle.

If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?

No fundamentalism in religion (of any persuasion).

What is your greatest achievement?

Two boys of mine (Alexander and Sebastian) though its a joint effort.

What are your hobbies?

Electric guitar and reading.

Describe your perfect weekend.

Kids have slept in until 7am. Go to Parap or Nightcliff markets with the family. Afternoon nap. Hit the town or have a jam with friends.

What are you most passionate about?

Family and politics.

What was the last book you read?

The Consolations of Philosophy, by

Alain de Botton.

What is your favourite movie?

Gallipoli, Peter Weir.

What was the last CD you bought?

Live, The Distance to Here

What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

Victoria - culture and family/friends.

Describe your perfect meal.

Penne with mushrooms and cheese sauce.

After a long week at work it is finally Friday, you walk up to the bar and order a...

Gin and tonic or if it is hot a Stella Artois or any other beer.

Three words that describe you are...

Intelligent, reliable, realistic.①

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The final advice sessions for 2004 are as follows:

- * Palmerston - Monday 13 December 2004
- * Darwin - Thursday 16 December 2004
- * Casuarina - Saturday 18 December 2004

The first advice sessions for 2005 are as follows:

- * Palmerston - Monday 17 January 2005
- * Darwin - Thursday 20 January 2005
- * Casuarina - Saturday 22 January 2005

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DCLS Staff and Management Committee ①

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