

## Legal Extravaganza to Draw Lawyers from Across the Globe

Early next year, lawyers from across the nation and around the world will descend on the Gold Coast for one of the largest and most significant legal conferences ever held in Australia.

Glenn Ferguson, chair of the Conference Organising Committee, said: "LAWASIAdownunder2005 promises to be the highlight of next year's legal conference calendar throughout Asia and the Pacific".

"The conference is expected to attract delegates from across Australia and from as many as 30 countries within the region and beyond," he said.

The legal extravaganza will encompass the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial LAWASIA Conference, the Law Council's Legal Convention, the Queensland Law Society's Law Symposium, the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of

the Chief Justices of Asia Pacific and the 13<sup>th</sup> Presidents of Law Associations meeting.

A meeting of the Australian Standing Committee of Attorney-Generals (SCAG) will also coincide with LAWASIAdownunder2005.

"The conference offers a unique networking opportunity for practitioners to develop relationships with their counterparts interstate and overseas," Mr Ferguson said.

East Timor's Foreign Minister Jose Ramos Horta, ASIO Director-General Dennis Richardson and David Hicks' lawyer Stephen Kenny will be among the high-profile guest speakers to

address the conference

Other keynote speakers include well-known human rights lawyer and UN Human Rights Commissioner, Asma Jahangir, and award-winning Pacific correspondent and journalist, Sean Dorney.

LAWASIAdownunder2005 will be held at the new Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from 20-24 March 2005.

A registration brochure is available from the LAWASIAdownunder2005 conference website. To access the brochure, or for more information, visit [www.lawasiadownunder.com](http://www.lawasiadownunder.com) ①

### Luck will run your way! cont...

of a court advocate. Read it all at once, as I did, or rustle through the pages until something takes your fancy. Here a reference to a *Basha Inquiry* (39 ACrimR 337), there a reference to dealing with prior inconsistent statements. Many of the examples given are from Territory cases.

David refers to that old saw that suggests every advocate should start his preparation by writing his final address. He knows no one who has done so, he says. Nor do I, although the proposition is often promoted. It is true, however, that the preparation before trial or hearing and the conduct of the case itself should all be aimed at achieving the best possible result. It is this result which must be in the sights from the outset and the ammunition will be collected during the hearing to be fired during that *finquility*. *Some of the old timers are magnificent. A few have been in practice for 30 years but with the experience of one year repeated 30 times.*

There is plenty of value for the reader. I suspect that often only the young advocate thinks he can learn from such a book. I disagree. There is something here for every practising

advocate (and some pleasure for those of us nearing the end).

After the case is over, the author suggests

- Do not tell your opponent about the defects in the case you have settled. You might never settle another one again.
- Be gracious in victory and in defeat.

I wish I had written this book. As it is, I heartily recommend it to readers of *Balance*. I will endorse it for use by the students who undertake the course of *Advocacy* at Charles Darwin University. I will get in copies of it for the staff of the ODPP. I will put some aside to give as gifts to young lawyers. Get yourself a copy!

I nearly forgot. David, like every other advocate I know (for example, Justice Riley in his series of articles on advocacy which have been published in this journal), emphasises the importance of preparation. He pens a whole chapter on it. As David says: "*painstaking preparation means that luck will run your way!*"

*Advocacy*, by David Ross QC, Cambridge University Press, tel (03) 8671 1411, RRP \$39.95.①

### The Little Red Book of Advocacy

Justice Trevor Riley wrote regular advocacy columns in *Balance* for over five years. His columns were always popular and well read. *The Little Red Book of Advocacy* was compiled from these pearls of wisdom.

Justice Riley has long been a "teacher" of advocacy, regularly conducting workshops on the issue since 1994. He has been an instructor with the Australian Advocacy Institute for many years.

"This collection of Justice Riley's articles is an important contribution to the education of advocates..." Professor George Hampel QC, Chair of the Australian Advocacy Institute.

The Little Red Book of Advocacy retails for \$22 (including GST) and is available from the Law Society NT. For more information, or to order a copy, please contact the Society on (08) 8981-5104 or via email at [lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au).