

Tahnee Davies

Civil Lawyer - KRALAS (Katherine)

Brief career history:

Endless years at university (from my parents' point of view).

Profitable but shortlived stint as an ace guinness pourer at the Turf Club. Numerous law firm clerkships (often overseas if I could arrange it).

Associateship with a Federal Court Judge.

Articles and ongoing employment (almost four years) at Blake Dawson Waldron in Perth and Melbourne.

Currently on pro bono secondment to Katherine Regional Legal Aid Service (KRALAS).

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

Listening to my Dad's stories (he was a lawyer too) - he made it sound so interesting.

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

here?

Since May, so I'm a wet season novice. I like a regular change of scene and working for an Aboriginal legal aid service in the Top End is probabbly as far away from corporate city practice as can be arranged.

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

Best? Cold winters are for those who don't know better; my dog (a Great Dane) accompanies me to the office and best of all - clients that I like, respect and empathise with.

Worst? No morning ocean dips before work and no weekend papers until Sunday.

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

Air turbulence.

What is your greatest achievement?

Learning to enjoy the journey and embrace the destination, no matter how unexpected.

What are your hobbies?

Travel, hiking, scuba diving, poorly funded but interesting movies, hanging out with my pooch, beach combing, photography, and heated discussions.

Describe your perfect weekend.

A combination of my last two weekends. Unrushed chats with close friends; challenging hike around scenic rock formation; brisk thrash in the ocean; jazz performance at Bennett Lane; fine food and wine; a satisfying amount of sleep.

What are you most passionate about?

At the moment - proposed amendment to the Liquor Act 1978 (NT).

What was the last book you read?

The Cockatoos by Patrick White.

What is your favourite movie?

The Princess Bride

What was the last CD you bought?

Carla Bruni "Quelqu'un m'a dit"

What is your favorite holiday destination and why?

Any beach, preferably dog-friendly with off-beach snorkling and sufficient supply of pina colades - no explanation required I'm sure.

Describe your perfect meal.

Cooked by someone else and accompanied by a glass of crisp Margaret River white wine.

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

Rain check.

Three words that describe who you are...

Still waters run deep (ok that's four).



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