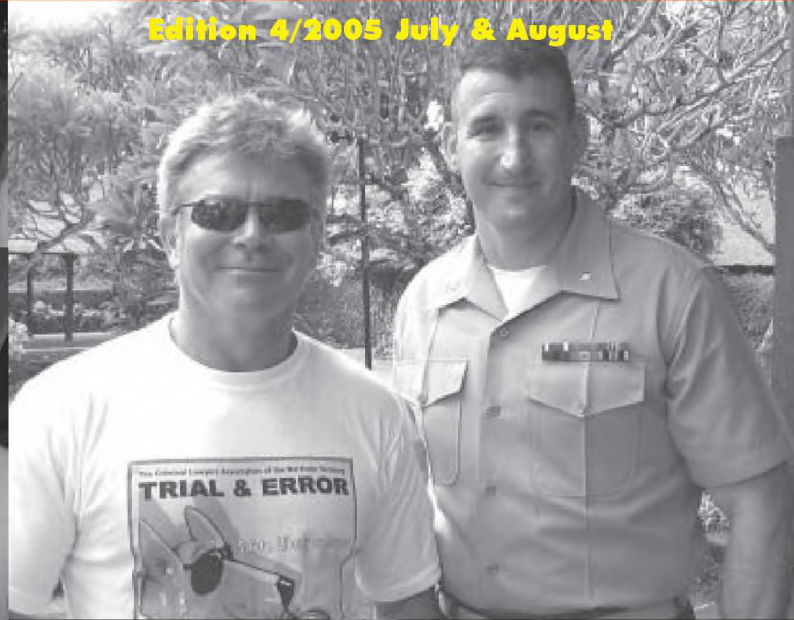


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Well, the end of my term as President is drawing near so this is my last penultimate column. The Law Society Annual General Meeting is being held in the Billabong Room at the Novotel Atrium, Darwin, at 4.30pm on Wednesday 12 October.

As usual over the dry season it has been a very busy time for all, particularly the weekends when we all take advantage of our lovely weather. The Law Society has also been busy.

In June we had a visit from the President of the Law Council of Australia (LCA) Mr John North and the LCA Executive Secretary Mr Peter Webb. John and Peter met with the Chief Justice and the Secretary of the Department of Justice, they also attended our Council meeting which was then followed by dinner. The annual visits from the LCA President are a good opportunity to raise issues that are unique to the Northern Territory.



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On 16 July we had the Law Society Annual Dinner at Crustaceans. Our special guest for the evening was His Honour Justice Southwood in acknowledgement of his contribution to the Law Society over the years. Justice Southwood gave a speech which was enjoyed by all and I announced that in recognition for his service to the Law Society, the Law Society Council had unanimously voted to recommend to this year's AGM that Justice Southwood be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Recently I attended Charles Darwin



Merran Short at the launch of the CDU Law Students Society website.



Merran Short, President

University Law School at the invitation of the Law Students Society of CDU who were having a sundowner to launch their new website. The website was funded through the Law Society's Public Purposes Trust and can be accessed at cdulss.com. The President of LSS, Shane Dexter, and Vice President, Damien Jones, had invited me to speak to the students and to launch the site. I thank Shane and Damien for their kind invitation.

Finally we have lost a number of members of our profession in recent times and some of you will have attended the funerals of Garry Schneider, John Withnall and John George and on behalf of the Law Society I extend our condolences to their families. On behalf of the Law Society I also extend condolences to our own Julie Davis from the secretariat who lost her partner Paul Basher recently. ☹

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