

Barrister granted QC

One of the Northern Territory's leading barristers, Michael Grant, has been appointed a Queen's Counsel. He is the first Territory-born practitioner to be commissioned a QC in the NT.

"He is an outstanding barrister and very much deserves this honour," Attorney-General Syd Stirling said.

"Mr Grant was highly recommended for the appointment by the Chief Justice, and had the support of the legal community. He has a strong litigation record and possesses all the qualities you expect for this distinction.

"It's also gratifying that he is a home-grown lawyer who has remained committed to and involved in the Territory justice system.

"I heartily congratulate him on his appointment."

The process for appointing QCs starts with nominations from the ranks of practising lawyers. The applications are then considered by the Chief Justice, who consults with his fellow judges and others, including the Presidents of the Bar Association and the Law Society.

The Chief Justice then makes a recommendation to the Attorney-General, who in turn makes a recommendation to the Executive Council.

ABOUT MICHAEL GRANT

Mr Grant, 43, was born in Darwin and spent his early years in Pine Creek. He is the son of former Assistant Police Commissioner Saus Grant and Norma Grant (who was one of the Territory's first police women, and who subsequently worked as a teacher and librarian).

Educated at St Mary's Primary School and St John's College, he completed his schooling in Sydney after Cyclone Tracy.

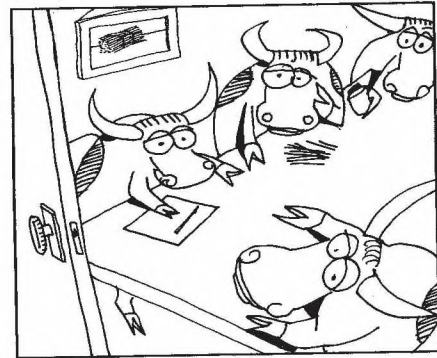
Mr Grant received his Bachelor of Laws degree with first class honours from the University of Queensland.

He completed his articles of clerkship at the then-NT Attorney-General's Department and was first admitted to practice in the NT in 1993.

He was appointed Litigation Director in 1998.

Among the cases he worked on during his time at the Department included the constitutional challenges to the voluntary euthanasia legislation and the mandatory sentencing legislation.

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going on their first post. The average marries within five years.

It is a very expensive process, but External Affairs lack courage to slam the door because of parliamentary opinion, pressure groups and so on. (A.R. Taysom).

Movers and shakers

Dalrymple & Associates is closing at the end of this year. In 2007, David Dalrymple will commence practise as a barrister from Myilly Point Chambers. Tel: 8981-6833, fax: 8981-6837 and email: dalrymp@bigpond.net.au.

He moved to the independent bar and joined William Forster Chambers in 1999.

His area of practice includes administrative law, property law, personal injuries, constitutional law, coronial practice and common law matters. He has also lectured in torts and taxation law at the Charles Darwin University.

Mr Grant's practice also involves appellate work at all levels, including appearances before the High Court of Australia.

He is also the President of the Health Professional Review Tribunal; Chair of the Appeals Tribunal (Northern Zone) constituted by the Football Federation Northern Territory; is on a panel of legal practitioners who serve, when required, as Chairpersons of the Police Disciplinary Appeal Board; and is currently an executive member of the Northern Territory Bar Association.

In his leisure time, Mr Grant's interests include gardening, Aboriginal art and golf. He is also a recent "convert" to running and competed in this year's City-to-Surf (in which he says he easily beat Justice Riley) and Half Marathon.

He is married with three daughters.

The Law Society NT and the local legal profession congratulates Michael on his appointment.