

CridlandsMB

Golden Gavel Competition

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On August 7th, Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL) hosted the 2009 CridlandsMB Golden Gavel competition at the Crowne Plaza, Darwin.

Five competitors were given only a few days to prepare a 3-5 minute speech on topics such as:

- *'Your partner is just not that into you: ways to make yourself indispensable at work'*,
- *'Smooth criminal: Michael Jackson, defence lawyer extraordinaire'* and
- *Legal Anatomy: why surgeons are sexier than lawyers'*.

A lively crowd numbering over 80 people made up of a mix of the younger and more senior members of the legal fraternity had a fantastic night with laughter aplenty.

In a unanimous decision by the adjudicators, the overall winner and the people's choice award winner was Damien Jones (DPP) who received a cheque for the grand sum of \$100, but more importantly, a trip to Perth to represent the Northern Territory at the national Golden Gavel in Perth in September.

It was unanimously agreed by the adjudicators and the audience that Deevya Desai (CridlandsMB) won the runner's up award and the prize of \$50.

NTYL would like to thank the Chief Justice the Honourable Brian Martin, Peter Barr QC and Duncan McConnell of CridlandsMB for being our adjudicators for the evening. Thanks must also go to CridlandsMB as the Golden Gavel's major sponsor and to all of the supporting sponsors. }



Damien Jones moonwalks his way to victory



Adjudicators Peter Barr QC, Hon Chief Justice, Brian Martin and Duncan McConnel