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It has been a busy time for Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL) with a number of "NTYL Firsts" being achieved or in the pipeline.

First Young Lawyer CPD

NTYL have been busy organising the first ever Young Lawyer CPD. This development forms part of the dual NTYL's commitments for 2010, those being to play an increasing role in the supporting of young lawyers around the Territory and to actively participate in the retention of young lawyers in the legal profession.

The CPD, with a working title of 'Depression and Anxiety in the Legal Profession', will be aimed at assisting young lawyers to cope with early years in practice. NTYL has approached Mr. Jason Schoolmeester and the group Relationships Australia to present at the CPD, which is scheduled to be held in early July.

First Alice Springs Representative

Part of NTYL's 2010 commitments is to expand our network of members to the regional centres of the Territory. NTYL has moved to consolidate this

commitment by appointing our very first Alice Springs representative, Dara Read of CAALAS. Dara's role will be to assist NTYL is promoting NTYL activities in Alice Springs and to provide any Alice Springs-based young lawyers with a support network here in Darwin.

From the Darwin end, NTYL Vice-President, Ashley Marsh, will be the Alice Springs liaison officer who will assist with implementing the expansion.

For NTYL, the permanent presence in Alice Springs is just the beginning with other regional centres around the Territory, next on our list being Katherine!

First NTYL Branded Merchandise

NTYL are also in the process of introducing some Young Lawyer branded merchandising materials, which we know are going to be *hugely* popular. There will be hats, shirts and stubby coolers available, so watch this space and don't miss out on your gear when it goes on sale!

Social Events - Certainly not a first!

We wish to thank the Law Society for generously supporting our first function of the year, Friday afternoon drinks at Finz. About thirty people attended the drinks at Finz bar on 7 May, 2010. The event was a great start to the NTYL social calendar and we are looking forward to all those to come.

NTYL has otherwise been busy organising events for Law Week (which we will report on in the next edition, including our triumphant victory over Clayton Utz in the tug-of-law despite being one leg short!); but more on that in the next edition of *Balance*.

That's about it for our report for this edition, although we have also submitted an article by a young lawyer, so please read and support your fellow NTYL'ers. We also welcome any future contributions. Please send any future articles either to Donna Ward at donna.ward@naaja.org.au, or directly to Suzie Simmons, Public Relations Officer at the Law Society, at publicrelations@lawsocnt.asn.au. Every 1000 words for a legal article receives a CPD point! ●

Regards,

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