

Toppled into the Top End

CPD Presentation by Her Honour Hilary Hannam CM

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On 14 April members and friends of the Northern Territory Women Lawyers' Association were treated to a lively and interesting presentation by her Honour Hilary Hannam CM. Despite her Honour's hectic day in the Local Court, and initial issues for some in accessing the Cridlands MB lawyers boardroom after hours, her Honour was relaxed and entertaining and had us all completely engaged throughout.

Her Honour shared with us the story of her sudden departure from New South Wales to take up the position of Chief Magistrate of the Darwin Local Court, a position for which

she had applied in an almost spur-of-the-moment way. Before her Honour knew it, she and her family were living in Darwin. Her Honour outlined the differences between working in the legal arena in New South Wales compared to that in the Northern Territory, and regaled earnestly her passion for therapeutic jurisprudence and her aspirations to incorporate these principles into the practice and application of the law in the Northern Territory.

Her Honour noted that the differences between New South Wales and the Territory extended well beyond the courtroom and into most aspects of her and her family's

life, and that there most definitely was a "Territory way".

Her Honour said that whilst she initially had felt as though she had "toppled into the Top End", she was certainly enjoying finding her [Territory] way.

Her Honour was gracious enough to stay after her presentation for refreshments and answer the many questions we all bombarded her with. A big thank you once again to her Honour for giving such an interesting and enlightening presentation! ●

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