



## Behind closed doors

**R**eports have reached the Law Society's ears of problems with staff within certain legal organisations around the Territory having difficulty grappling with the concept behind "closing the door". It is suspected this may be a widespread problem within the legal profession.

It has been suggested that the Law Society offer CPD Points to any legal practitioners that successfully complete the In-House course now being developed on this topic.

The course structure would include:

- The History of Doors;
- The advantages of a Door as opposed to a hole in the wall;
- The difference between a Door and a Window;
- How a Door can keep intruders out;
- The effects of an open Door on air-conditioning;
- The law of physics in regard to Automatic Door Closing Mechanisms;
- Who's responsible for a Door closing;
- Why a brick wedged against a Door will counter the effects of an Automatic Door Closing Mechanism. ●

## Civil Practitioners Needed



Northern Territory  
Legal Aid Commission

The Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission is seeking the assistance of civil practitioners to conduct civil advice sessions in its Palmerston office.

The advice sessions are conducted on Wednesday mornings from 9am – 1pm in the Palmerston office located at Shop 6, Goyder Centre 25, Chung Wah Terrace.

The current rate of pay is \$120.00 + GST per hour plus 1 hour (1/2 hour each way) is allowed for travel from/to Darwin making a total of 5 hours per session.

The Commission seeks to extend the panel of solicitors who conduct these sessions on its behalf.

If your firm would be willing to participate by providing a lawyer for **one** session per month or require more information please contact Sue Reddy at [sue.reddy@ntlac.nt.gov.au](mailto:sue.reddy@ntlac.nt.gov.au).



**Withnalls Lawyers**

Withnalls Lawyers is pleased to advise that Merran Short was appointed an Associate as of 1 July 2011.

Merran is well known in the Darwin community. She commenced working with Withnalls on 24 May 2010.

Merran provides advice in the areas of Wills & Probate, Civil & Commercial Litigation, Commercial Leases and Contracts.

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## Do you have issues with the ATO?

The Society participates in the Australian Taxation Office's Legal Profession Working Party (LPWP). This is a direct line to the ATO on issues affecting lawyers and their clients. The Society is keen to pass on your views be they administrative or legal issues to the LPWP. Anything from suggested website improvements to 14ZZK issues, s264 notices.... We want to hear from you.