

Sentencing information available through the Courts Library

Sentencing Remarks

Northern Territory sentencing remarks for the last two to three months are available on the Northern Territory Supreme Court website. For remarks prior to this, a request may be sent to the Courts Library by email or telephone.

The sentencing remarks held by the Library are included in the Judgments Database maintained by the library; this database is accessible from the following link: <http://ntc.trimagiccc.com.au/NTCOURTSOPAC/>. It includes basic information about the sentence – name(s) of defendant (s), date, judge and file number. The library holds all the sentences listed in the database so if one is listed and you need the transcript please contact the Library for a copy. This service is free to practitioners registered with the Library.

The Library is systematically digitising its paper collection of sentencing remarks; this project will take another 12 months at least to complete. Thus, if the sentence you are looking for is not included in the database via the above link, contact the library for them to check the paper and other records.

Sentencing Database

Sentences handed down by the

Supreme Court judges are indexed into the Sentencing Database by the Judges' associates in various fields. The most popular access points are by file number, name of defendant, name of judge or provisions of the *Criminal Code or Misuse of Drugs Act* as well as by keyword – manslaughter, aggravated assault, possession or supply of cannabis, etc. Searches can be limited by ethnicity, whether affected by alcohol, sex or date amongst others.

Presently this database can only be accessed by visiting the Library in Alice Springs or Darwin, or by asking Library staff to conduct a search for you. Arrangements are being made to make the database accessible from the desktop of the legal practitioners who practice in criminal law and who are registered with the Courts Library. Hopefully this arrangement will be in place by Christmas 2012.

If you would like to apply for this access please send an email to Frieda Evans explaining your

reasons for requesting access. This access is already being organised for criminal lawyers in NTDPP and NT Legal Aid Commission.

Please note: this database only includes information about Supreme Court sentences; Magistrates Court sentences are not transcribed and not included.

Library Committee Representatives

The Library Committee makes decisions about the major purchases of the library; subscriptions to paper and electronic law reports and law journals, as well as monitoring the expenditure of the Courts Library. It meets on a quarterly basis. Its membership includes two representatives nominated by the Law Society Northern Territory and one by the Bar Association of the Northern Territory. Guzyal Hill and George Roussos are the current representatives for the Law Society with Ben O'Loughlin for the Bar Association. ●

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