

Start at the Top Family Law Conference

On 22 and 23 January 2015 Law Society Northern Territory was delighted to host the annual Start at the Top Family Law Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Darwin. The Society acknowledges the generous support of the Federal Circuit Court, particularly the efforts and contribution of Judge Cole in organising the Conference.

The collaborative efforts of the Society and the Federal Circuit Court have seen the Conference develop into the flagship CPD event in the family law calendar, providing a unique opportunity for delegates to be brought together and gain insights into family law from expert panels and guest speakers.

The 2015 Conference was one of the most successful yet, attended and presented by several experienced judges of the Family and Federal Circuit Courts across Australia as well as both local and interstate barristers and solicitors. The Conference program covered a wide diversity of topics and attendees earned a total of 7.5 CPD points across the substantive law, professional skills in legal practice and professional ethics and responsibility competency areas.

Members of the bench and the profession at large really enjoyed the relaxed and casual Hawaiian theme of the Conference; Judge Cole leading from the front as always with his standout Hawaiian shirts and bare feet.

The Conference commenced with a rousing welcome to country delivered by John Rawnsley and was then officially opened by the Attorney-General, Hon. John Elferink MLA, whose insightful address to the delegates opened

up discussion and debate on a wide range of issues which endured through the Conference; a perfect way to commence such an event.

The Society looks forward to working with the Federal Circuit Court to ensure the ongoing success of this Conference in the years to come. ●



