

NTYL UPDATES

Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL)

Welcome drinks 6 March 2015

NTYL hosted its welcome drinks for the coming year at Viva La Vida. There was a fantastic turnout and it was great for several new arrivals in Darwin to get to know the profession.

Legal forum on capital punishment 24 March 2015

NTYL hosted a legal forum on capital punishment, presented by Felicity Gerry QC. Ms Gerry, an international barrister and academic, had recently represented convicted English drug trafficker Lindsay Sandiford in Indonesia in relation to an application to commute Ms Sandiford's death sentence. Ms Gerry's presentation discussed the motion that many drug traffickers may have been coerced into their course of conduct by threats and intimidation from more powerful drug dealers.

Ms Gerry then explored the intriguing possibility of characterising such drug traffickers as victims of human trafficking, and arguing that they should be protected from capital punishment (and other punishments) under related laws about human trafficking victims. NTYL is thankful to Ms Gerry for her fascinating presentation; to the Law Society of the Northern Territory for providing the venue and refreshments; and to all who attended.

Lunch and Learn with Riley CJ and Blokland J 9 April 2015

Chief Justice Riley and Justice Blokland met with a number of enthusiastic young lawyers to have an informal conversation with their Honours over a few slices of pizza. The conversation covered a range of matters, from technical aspects of advocacy, to matters of ethics and professional responsibility, and to client management and other core skills. NTYL is exceedingly grateful that their Honours were able to make time to meet with us and the feedback from participants on the day was very encouraging. We hope to make this a mainstay of the NTYL calendar. We thank the Supreme Court for making the jury muster room available for this event.

Upcoming events

We are looking forward to the following events on our calendar:

- Dry Season Lawn Bowls – Date TBA (likely June/July)
- Golden Gavel – Date TBA (likely September)

If you have any suggestions or queries about NTYL activities, feel free to email us on ntyounlawyers@gmail.com

