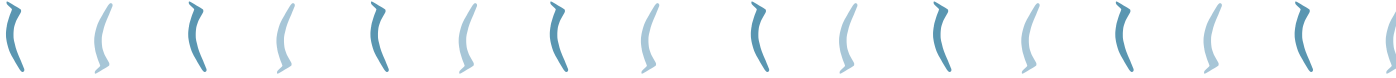


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Tass Liveris
PRESIDENT

Barrister, William Forster
Chambers

Tass Liveris has been a member of the Council since 2011. He has been an executive member since 2012, holding the position of Treasurer. In October 2014 Tass was elected

President of the Society and was re-elected to that role in 2015 and 2016.

As the Society's President Tass is a member of numerous committees and external stakeholder groups, including Making Justice Work and various court user and legal assistance groups.

Tass is born in the Territory and completed his primary, high school and tertiary studies in Darwin. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 2002 and then worked for five years in Western Australia as a commonwealth and later as a state prosecutor, before returning to Darwin in 2008 to take up a position at Clayton Utz.

In February 2010 Tass joined the independent Bar, where he practices in a diverse range of civil and litigation matters.



Josine Wynberg
VICE-PRESIDENT

Senior Lawyer, Dept. Attorney-
General & Justice

Admitted in the ACT in 1996, Josine first moved to Darwin at the end of 2002, joining Cridlands in its then Smith Street office. After a two-year

stint in Vanuatu, eighteen months back in Darwin, then a year in New Zealand, Josine returned to Darwin at the end of 2008 joining the new formed Cridlands MB. A civil litigator for all of her career, she joined SFNT a month before the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT began and has been leading the SFNT response team ever since. She has been a member of Council since 2013 and a member of the executive since 2014. She is also a member of the Netball NT board. She is married to local Counsel Wade Roper and they have two children.



Maria Savvas
TREASURER
Partner, MSP Legal

I have lived, been educated, and worked in the Territory throughout my professional life, and am thrilled to be starting my sixth term as a councillor with the Society.

I have accumulated 17 years' experience in private practice. I joined Council because I wanted to contribute my experience and knowledge to benefit members, and share insights. In particular, I feel I represent and relate to the challenges of small practices and sole practitioners.

I appreciate Council's complex dual-role of regulator and member service organisation. My approach is to be a voice for member practitioners, especially in regulatory matters. I hope over time, my approach has contributed positively to sensible decision-making on issues affecting the private profession across the Territory.

I have experienced first-hand, my clients' highs and lows (some with tragic outcomes) which puts the day-to-day stresses of my work into perspective.

I also believe it is important to acknowledge and accept that stress is part of the legal profession, and use it as motivation and inspiration to pursue greater challenges.



Emma Farnell
Secretary
Senior Associate, Ward Keller

Emma is a member of Ward Keller's commercial division, where she practises in the resources and energy sector and undertakes general commercial and property transactions.

In the resources and energy sector, Emma acts for explorers and extractive miners on a range of

matters, including providing advice on Northern Territory regulation and land access issues.

Emma also works closely with a number of incorporated associations in the NT, including the Extractive Industry Association of the Northern Territory, which she assists in making submissions on proposed legislative reform.

She also provides pro bono assistance to other community organisations, such as advising the Darwin Community Legal Service about updating its constitution.

Emma grew up in Darwin, where she completed her primary and high school years. She completed her degrees in law and arts at the Australian National University in Canberra, before returning to Darwin and joining Ward Keller in 2010.

Emma was awarded her Masters of Laws (Legal Practice) from the Australian National University in 2012.



Peggy Cheong
COUNCILLOR
Director, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers

I have been a practitioner in the NT for almost twenty-five years. I

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believe that the legal profession in the NT is unique because of its size and location. I have benefitted from support from other senior practitioners and from the Society over the many years of my career in Darwin. I have been on the Society's Council previously and believe that the Council, its executive and councillors as well as its secretariat perform a remarkable service for the local profession and has always encouraged engagement and provided support for its practitioners. This is very important as the practice of law can often be difficult, frustrating, demanding and isolating. I am also a previous President of the Society and was very proud to have been entrusted with this role. I want to return and be part of the Society's Council so that I can continue to contribute to its works and efforts in support of local legal practitioners and to give back to the profession the assistance that I have received over the years, a profession that has provided me with a career that has been and continues to be interesting and satisfying. I look forward to going to work each day and also look forward to being party of the Society's Council for the coming year.



Sally Bolton
COUNCILLOR
Barrister & Solicitor, NT Legal Aid Commission

Sally is the senior family lawyer at the NT Legal Aid Commission and the chairperson of the Society's Family Law Committee. Her past or present work areas include employment law, domestic violence, child protection and of course, family law. Sally lived and worked in Alice Springs for several years, first at Central Australian Women's Legal Service, then NT Legal Aid, before making the journey north to the tropics. She retains a love of Central Australia and a passion for remote and regional access to justice. In her 'spare' time Sally is also a member of the NT Housing Appeals Board and volunteers with WhatRU4NT?: An advocacy group promoting women's reproductive rights and health care in the NT.



Leonique Swart
COUNCILLOR
Senior Lawyer, Dept. Attorney-General & Justice

Leonique obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Adelaide University and was admitted in 2000. Since that time she has practiced in a variety of areas of law, including commercial litigation in Sydney, criminal prosecutions at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in South Australia, and also tutored and lectured at Adelaide University and Charles Darwin University Law Schools. Leonique joined the Legal Policy Division of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice in 2009, and is a Senior Policy Lawyer developing legislation and policy and providing advice in a wide range of areas of law, but mainly in criminal law.





Andrew Giles
COUNCILLOR

Solicitor, De Silva Hebron

Andrew is employed by De Silva Hebron working as a Commercial Lawyer focussing on property development, corporate restructures, conveyance of land and business, leasing and liquor licensing.

Coming from a family of legal practitioners in the NT, Andrew is passionate about the development of the legal profession in the NT and hopes that as a representative body, the Law Society of the Northern Territory can continue to advocate for the just and equitable development of the law in the NT, including ensuring the most vulnerable in our society can access legal services when required.



Lisa O'Donoghue
COUNCILLOR

Solicitor, First National Real Estate O'Donoghues

Lisa has been residing in the NT for the past eighteen years. Originally from Melbourne, Lisa returned to the Territory in 1999 to resume her tertiary studies at Charles Darwin University (formally Northern Territory University). After graduating Lisa completed her articles in 2003 and worked in private practice until 2008. Lisa's principle practice areas being property, commercial law and resources.

Looking to expand her knowledge of the resource industry and experience working within a listed company, Lisa took up a position with Energy Resources of Australia Ltd commencing from 2008 until 2012. After a brief hiatus from practice to focus on her young family, Lisa has returned to an in-house counsel role working for First National Real Estate O'Donoghues. This role enables Lisa to utilise the knowledge she gained working for a company and her property experience to support the real estate business.

Lisa was a Council member of the Law Society NT in 2006 and is looking forward to being a member of the Council this year.

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Marty Aust
COUNCILLOR
Deputy Manager, NAAJA
Criminal Section

Marty has a busy practice of indictable matters, trial and appellate work. Since his admission in 2010 Marty has worked as a prosecutor and defence counsel at both CAALAS and NAAJA. He has appeared as counsel in almost every court house in the NT including most central and northern bush courts. Marty currently holds positions on the CLANT committee and as a sitting member of the AFLNT tribunal. He has long involved himself in Society activities including the annual Law week Cricket Match, orchestrating its move from Dinah Beach Oval to Gardens Oval. In 2010 he won the NTYL Golden Gavel and represented the NT at the final held at the National Press Club in Canberra. He was Justice Blokland's first (and best!) associate. His greatest achievement is his beautiful eight month old daughter Abigail whom he shares with his wife Klarin.



Glen Dooley
ALICE SPRINGS ALT REP
Principal Legal Officer, CAALAS

Glen Dooley has just re-joined the Council as the Alice Springs Alternate Representative. Glen was a member of the Council in 2002 and was Secretary from 2003–04.

Glen is long term member of the Criminal Lawyers Association of the NT and in his current position as Principal Legal Officer of the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Service is participating in the Criminal Justice Forum, Making Justice Work and other stakeholder groups.

Glen was raised in Melbourne and completed his law degrees at Monash University. He is admitted in three jurisdictions (Vic. 1986, NT 1989 and WA 2010). Glen has worked with all NT Aboriginal Legal Services, NT Legal Aid Commission (Katherine office) and has had two periods of employment as a Crown Prosecutor with the NT DPP (Darwin 2001–04, Alice Springs 2014–16).

Glen became the Principal Legal Officer of CAALAS in December 2016.

Mark O'Reilly was elected as the Alice Springs Representative for the 2016/17 Council. Following his appointment as a member of the Northern Territory Civil and Administration Tribunal, Mark has resigned from the Council. The Council will shortly be taking steps to select a candidate to fill this vacancy.

