

# 2019 Council Positions

## Carly Ingles | Vice-President

**Main area of law** Crime and mental health.

**Reason for joining Council** I joined Council because I like those South of the Berrimah line to have a voice in our profession, as a platform for advocating law reform and to remind myself there is a legal life outside crime.

**Last book read** I cannot remember the last book I read in full. I am part-way through a DNA legal textbook, part-way through a Liane Moriarty and part-way through a Brené Brown. I keep watching Nordic Noir instead. Having seen Damien Jones once over AVL [audio/video-link], like him, I also spend time wondering why he's not on the cover of *Vogue*.

## Damien Jones | Councillor

**Main area of law** Supermodel and catwalk law.

**Reason for joining Council** The same reason why I am on the board for Milan Fashionweek – the champagne and cheese.

**Last book read** *Vogue* – why am I not on the cover.

## Emma Farnell | Treasurer

**Main area of law** Resources and policy.

**Reason for joining Council** Peggy Cheong strongly and emphatically encouraged me.

**Last book read** *The Football Solution: How Richmond's Premiership can save Australia* by George Megalogenis

## Fiona Kepert | Councillor

**Main area of law** Criminal law and I primarily represent young people.

**Reason for joining Council** To try and support the profession in being heard on law reform.

**Last book read** *The 26 story tree house*. Quite funny if you're a 6-year-old boy, otherwise not riveting reading.

## Glen Dooley | Regional Rep (Alice Springs)

**Main area of law** Criminal law.

**Reason for joining Council** Becoming an Alice Rep seemed to go with the job I had at the time (Senior Lawyer CAALAS). With no other nominations in the past two years, I'm happy to contribute from the Desert.

**Last book read** *Daddy Who?* by Craig Horne. Recent book on the Masters of the Eagle Rock, Melbourne's super band of the early 70s. Craig captures all the flights (huge debut album) and plummets (crazy badly managed tours of the USA) of a band emerging from Melbourne's late 60s rock scene in a hugely entertaining read. Takeaway – don't call your second album "Sex, Dope, Rock'n'Roll: Teenage Heaven" and expect it to sell big even with Gough in power!

## Guzyal (Julia) Hill | Councillor

**Main area of law** Commercial and corporate law.

**Reason for joining Council** I am lecturing commercial and corporate law to future accountants and managers. I am hoping to develop some additional links between the College of Business and Law, CDU and the Law Society.

**Last book read** I haven't finished it yet but I am reading *Homo Deus* by Yuval Noah Harariis, a sequel of *Sapience*. The book is about the future of humanity. The author combines the history and latest research to make interesting predictions... thought-provoking reading.

## Josine Wynberg | Councillor

**Main area of law** When I first joined Council in 2013 the answer was commercial and insurance litigation. Joining SFNT and leading the team representing the NT in the Royal Commission into the Care and Protection of Children changed that answer to civil litigation. I am now in that



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slightly odd part of the law inhabited by policy lawyers at the Department of Attorney-General and Justice

**Reason for joining Council** I have enjoyed serving the profession and developing my skills as a board member as Vice-President, Treasurer and councillor since October 2013 and wanted to continue as part of council.

**Last book read** Ian Irvine's *The Destiny of the Dead* book 3 of the Song of Tears series. An Ok read while on an interstate trip but in many respects just more of the same from Irvine's endless fantasy cycles where he wantonly kills off nice characters, or entire species, that he has developed. At least in the final book of the third series of the *Three Worlds* some storylines are concluded.

## Leonique Swart | Councillor

**Main area of law** Government, specifically legislation and policy.

**Reason for joining Council** I feel I can make a unique contribution with my government and policy background. I also find the governance and regulatory functions interesting and challenging.

**Last book read** I have been on maternity leave with my 6 month old so, *Baby Love*. Very practical!

## Lisa O'Donoghue | Councillor

**Main area of law** Commercial law, predominately real estate services.

**Reason for joining Council** To contribute to the profession by providing a corporate lawyer perspective... ok really those yummy rice crackers and dip!

**Last book read** I have a couple of books on the go, but one I have just finished is *Why Mummies Drink* – self-explanatory!

## Maria Savvas | President

**Main area of law** I work in the area of civil litigation, predominantly dealing with professional negligence, treatment liability and medical discipline matters.

**Reason for joining Council** I nominated to join Council to represent private practitioners practising in either small firms or as sole practitioners. I also wanted to contribute to making decisions about issues affecting the Territory legal profession.

**Last book read** The last book I read was the *Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. A murder-mystery which revolves around 3 women whose lives unexpectedly intertwine. Very easy to read and the first few chapters are enjoyable, but at some point it becomes predictable and the 3 main characters weren't particularly likeable. Good novel to read if you don't want to think too hard!

## Peggy Cheong | Secretary

**Main area of law** Insurance, in particular, workers compensation.

**Reason for joining Council** Believe in the plethora of work done by LSNT across all areas of legal practice in the NT and to support the local legal profession.

**Last book read** A Jack Reacher Book, *The Midnight Line*. As usual it was an easy to read, entertaining novel by Lee Child. Thank Goodness the Author has decided that Tom Cruise will not be Jack Reacher anymore in the movies... bring on Liam Neeson (those who have read Jack Reacher will know what I mean!).

## Richard Henschke | Councillor

**Main area of law** I predominantly practice in the areas of commercial, wills and estates and adoption law.

**Reason for joining Council** This year marks the 40th year of practice for me, 38 of those years in Darwin. I reasoned that I had much to be thankful for and an obligation to serve the profession that has been good to me.

**Last book read** My kindle content is eclectic, I have many books open at one time. The last book that I read was the *Bettencourt Affair* by Tom Sancton, a scandal that touched the lives of fabulously wealthy, vulnerable and greedy Parisians. A fabulous account of the frailties of human nature, layered with political and legal drama.

## Ruth Morley | Regional Rep (Alice Springs)

**Main area of law** Land management, use and control, family law, prosecution for civil authorities.

**Reason for joining Council** To participate more fully in the profession beyond practice.

**Last book read** *Black Snake: The Real Story of Ned Kelly* by Leo Kennedy. Describes the criminality of Ned Kelly and explores how as a violent criminal he became a hero, while the family of the police officer that was shot and killed by Kelly at Stringybark Creek have been persecuted.

## Victoria (Tori) Bell | Councillor

**Main area of law** I predominantly work in injury, insurance, civil litigation and wills and estate law.

**Reason for joining Council** My main reason for nominating was to engage with the mentoring and development of our young practitioners.

**Last book read** One of the last books I recall reading for fun was *Origin* by Dan Brown. It was an interesting piece of fiction looking at the origin of our species and the interaction between religion, science and information technology.

# Summary of the Society's recent advocacy activities

## SUBMISSIONS

- **26/09/18:** Draft Charter for Aged Care Rights – Law Council of Australia
- **10/10/18:** Australia's progress in implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – Law Council of Australia
- **11/10/18:** Tendency & Coincidence Evidence – Department of Attorney-General and Justice
- **30/10/18:** Civil Litigation Reforms – Royal Commission into Institutionalised Sexual Abuse – Department of Attorney-General and Justice
- **17/10/18:** Options Paper – Enduring Powers of Attorney (Financial) – Law Council of Australia
- **24/10/18:** Financial Services Royal Commission – Law Council of Australia
- **21/11/18:** Criminal Code Amendment Bill – Policy Scrutiny Committee
- **07/01/19:** Draft Best Practice Guidelines – Participation of Represented Person – Law Council of Australia

## EVENTS

- **8/11/18:** 'Know Your Assembly' – Parliament House, Darwin
- **13/11/18:** Criminal Justice Forum – AGD, Darwin
- **16/11/18:** National Ethics Forum – Wellington NZ
- **1/12/18:** LCA Conference – Canberra
- **24-25/01/19:** Start at the Top – Family Law Conference – Darwin
- **31/01/19:** Opening of Legal Year Lunch – Darwin
- **1/01/19:** Opening of Legal Year Dinner – Alice Springs