

OFF BALANCE

BY PRESIDENT
JOHN STIRK

Legal practitioners in the Northern Territory will welcome the appointment of Dean Mildren QC to the Supreme Court.

He is close to celebrating his 21st anniversary of his arrival in the Northern Territory and has practised here almost exclusively since.

The Society endorses the often quoted words of the former Chief Justice Forster who looked forward to the day when both practitioners and judges would be "home grown."

The first graduates from the Northern Territory University are new serving articles in the Territory and the future looks well for the practise of law.

Ceremonial sittings were conducted in both Darwin and Alice Springs after the death of Phil Rice QC.

His distinguished career has been mentioned in this and previous editions of *Balance* and we all join in dispensing our sympathy to his wife and children. A Full Court of the Federal Court will be sitting in Darwin in July.

It will be the first opportunity to welcome the new

Chief Justice of that Court, Michael Black.

His Honour is a resident of Melbourne. The Society is planning to hold a function whilst the Court is in Darwin and practitioners will be advised when the details have been confirmed.

New Supreme Court

The new Supreme Court should be officially opened in September this year.

It is likely that hearings will commence in the Court in August.

The opening of the Court will be a memorable occasion for practitioners and we are truly fortunate in having the facilities that exist both in Darwin and in Alice Springs.

CLE study

The Executive Officer, Jim Campbell, is currently interstate investigating continuing legal education provided by the other societies and looking towards making CLE in the Northern Territory more relevant and helpful to all practitioners.

The question of whether or not such CLE ought to be compulsory or otherwise continues to be an issue.

After Mr Campbell has completed his review of CLE he will report to practitioners in a future issue of *Balance*.

LPAB change

Ted Rowe has resigned from the Legal Practitioners Admission Board after many years of loyal service. Neville Henwood has replaced him.

Membership

I remind practitioners that membership was renewable at 1 July and I urge all practitioners to join the Society.

Consumer Law CLE

The Law Council of Australia Consumer Law CLE was a great success. I understand our seminar was better attended than the seminar in Sydney.

The Society is negotiating with the Law Council about future CLEs also being conducted in Alice Springs.

Trusts & Ethics

Trust Accounts and Ethics tutorials and have been set down for the week commencing 15 July and examinations for the week commencing 22 July.

Tentative arrangements (subject to change owing to availability) are that ethics tutorials will be held in the mornings, and accounting tutorials in the afternoons.

Interested people who have not already been contacted by the Society should contact Robyn Smith or Jim Campbell on 815104.

Professional Risk Management Convention 1991

Hotel Nikko, Sydney
25-26 July 1991

This convention is divided into two parts, bookable separately.

The first is Professional Risk Management on the 25th, and the second is Taxation of Professional Partnerships on the 26th.

Attendance on both days costs \$890.00. Attending one day only will cost \$595.00.

Details from IBC Conferences, telephone (02) 3193755, fax (02) 6993901.

1991 Oxford Conference on International and White Collar Crime Christ Church Oxford, UK 12-16 August 1991

This conference is organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Business Crime Committee of the International Bar Association.

Details are available from the Commercial Crime Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX, UK.