

Scholarship fund set up in memory of slain lawyers

The Law Council of Australia will contribute \$2000 towards a three-year scholarship fund in memory of the two Australian lawyers killed by IRA gunmen in Holland last year.

The two, Nick Spanos and Stephan Melrose, were working for the English firm of McKenna and Co of London at the time.

McKenna and Co has suggested that scholarships be provided to enable young law graduates from the University of Sydney and the Queensland University of Technology, where the two studied, to work for a year in England and to visit the Continent.

The Law Society of England and Wales has offered to help and English and Australian law firms have been invited to contribute to the fund.

Contributions to the fund can be sent to: The McKenna and Co Foundation - Australian Appeal, care of Mr R H Malthouse, McKenna and Co, Mitre House, Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4DD, England.

The IRA admitted responsibility for the murder of Spanos and Melrose, saying they were mistaken for British servicemen.

ADMISSIONS

July

Murray Herbert Tobias, Thomas Wakefield, James Robert Dupree, John Trevor Glass, Patricia Maree Burrows, Sanjeev Williams, Christopher Paul Donald Rich, Patrick Richard Christian Southey, Grant Raymond Algie

August

James Hebron, Caroline Helen Joske, John Allan Lowndes, Elizabeth Jane Morris, Pauline Maisie Ramsay, Neil Leonard Strawbridge, Belinda Lillian Evers

Cathy Deland named as Alice's new SM

Alice Springs' new Stipendiary Magistrate took up her new post on 19 August.

She is Cathy Deland, formerly a Stipendiary Magistrate in South Australia.

Ms Deland replaces Dennis Barritt SM who retires this year.

Ms Deland spent four years as a Stipendiary Magistrate in South Australia.

Before that appointment she spent ten

years as a Crown Prosecutor with the South Australian Attorney-General's department.

"Ms Deland has an excellent reputation as a lawyer and a magistrate," the Attorney-General, Daryl Manzie, said when he announced her appointment.

"I am sure her experience and qualities will see her make an excellent contribution as a Stipendiary Magistrate of the Northern Territory."

New LCA committees

The Law Council of Australia has established a Human Rights Committee.

The Committee will be chaired by Nicholas Cowdery QC of Sydney and will advise the Executive on all human rights issues, the first of which is expected to be the recent events in Russia.

Until now, human rights issues have been dealt with by the President and the Executive on an ad hoc basis.

Other Committee members are David Muir (Deputy Chairman, Brisbane), David Harper QC (Melbourne), Stuart Fowler (Sydney), David Lucas (Melbourne) and John Robertson (Brisbane).

All are active in human rights work. The Committee has invited suggestions as to matters it should take up.

Interested practitioners should write to the Committee care of the Law Council, GPO Box 1989, Canberra ACT 2601 or DX 5719 Canberra.

The Law Council Executive has also approved the establishment of an Aboriginal Justice Committee.

This Committee will advise the Executive on legal issues arising in relation to matters affecting Aboriginal people.

Legal profession next for TPC scrutiny

A paper listing issues likely to be considered by the Trade Practices Commission when it examines the legal profession in the course of its current study of the professions is being prepared by the Law Council. The Trade Practices Commission has released and issues paper looking at the accounting profession and this gives some indication of the TPCs approach to its study.

Where it is likely that constituent bodies of the Law Council will hold differing views, it will be for those bodies to present their views to the TPC.

Where there is unanimity of views, the Law Council hopes to be able to co-ordinate the presentation of views. Interested practitioners should forward their submissions to the Society at GPO Box 2388, Darwin.

**AGM: 5.30pm
Friday Aug 30**