

## EXHAUSTING JUDGES

Thomas J heard the committal when she was CSM. Mildren J (then Mildren QC) prosecuted, Martin J presided at the trial. Priestly, Kearney and Angel JJ heard the appeal and ordered a retrial. Asche CJ is the new Administrator and is leaving the bench. Who's left to hear the new trial, not to mention any appeal which may follow?

## PARADISE LOST

Patrick Smith has returned to Western Australia from whence he came via Mombassa and Saudi.

## BENDER

Rumour (unconfirmed, but reasonably reliable) has it that homosexuality is so rife in PNG that the AIDS risk is escalating at a great rate, and that condom use is minimal to non-existent. In an attempt to educate people, signs have been erected along roadsides depicting two stick-figures, a little like K, with an accompanying slogan: *Don't bend for a friend.*

# THE SPIDER'S WEB



## WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

In the annual parliamentary SPIEL (Society for the Prevention of Injury to the English Language) awards, adjudicated by the Member for Macdonnell, Neil Bell, winners included this interjection from the Member for Millner, Ken Parish: "Tell the kids at Rapid Creek why they cannot have their school, when you can have dishwashers coming out of your ears," and the winner from Member for Karama, Mick Palmer, who said in question time: "Did Mick Dodson intend to take any action over the allegations or against the alligator?"

## SLAP UP

Which law firm had a lunch followed by drinks at Petty Sessions on a Friday which resulted in a practitioner suffering the indignity of having a glass of water thrown at him, then receiving a slap up the side of the

face?

## IN THE DARK

Name the Magistrates Court staffer who bowled into Court 1 of the Magistrates Courts during a blackout. She assumed the court was not in session. As she staggered through in the dark she recognised a few people and greeted them warmly (and loudly) Uh-uh. Court sitting in silence waiting for the power to come back on. Mr Hannon SM said something in the order of: "Never mind, petal. Just take a seat."

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More security problems at the Family and Federal Courts such that the Federal Police had to be called in to protect a practitioner and an applicant in a matter (practitioner and applicant not related, although the threat related to both). Perhaps something ought to be done about this...