

OLD HOME WEEK

Picture this: a court in Broome in which you could have been forgiven for thinking you were in Darwin. Counsel: Patrick Smith (Aboriginal Legal Aid); Gordon Bauman (Legal Aid Commission). They were before Magistrate Col Roberts (formerly of Loftus & Cameron).

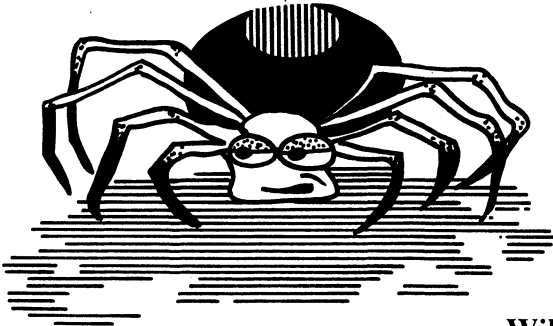
HEAD START

At a Council meeting of the Society someone reported that of our disputed Work Health claims, less than 50 per cent are dealt with in under 12 months. By comparison, in Tasmania all disputed claims are dealt with in under two months. A councillor: "That just goes to show that two heads are better than one..."

.66 DEPENDANTS

Who is the practitioner -- recently engaged -- who forgot to tell everyone that they (practitioner and partner) were six months pregnant? How remiss, Lurky.

THE SPIDER'S WEB



BIG ROLE

Why didn't anyone ask the former Chief Justice whether his role in the Family Law Council's committee, *Creating Children*, was passive or active? Consider the question in light of a former address: *Knight's Folly*.

ONE UP FROM THE ROCK SPIDER

(and no, *Redback* is NOT a rock spider...)

Person in library at NTU heard two students talking. One said the Faculty of Law wanted to take over the whole library. The other was perplexed. "Why do lawyers need books? They're only glorified liars."

POSITION VACANT

Rumour has it that there will be a vacancy for a Minister for CLE in the Centre soon. Tanya Heaslip, though, will need to confirm.

LIVE PUPIL

William Forster Chambers has, for only the second time in its history, a pupil. He is Damian Sammon from Brisbane. This may not be a good thing for Damian because there is a dangerous precedent: the last pupil was there in 1984 and took his own life in Tasmania some years later. *Redback* will resist telling faithful readers who his Master was and what drove him to it...

DID YOU KNOW?

Early reason for wigs in court was to disguise baldness because it was thought to be caused by venereal disease. Of course, it was most unfashionable to admit one was bald (for obvious reasons), and the story changed to: we have wigs because wigs are fashionable.

Bar jackets with bottom button undone came about because the King messed up one day by leaving his undone, thereby creating a new fashion.