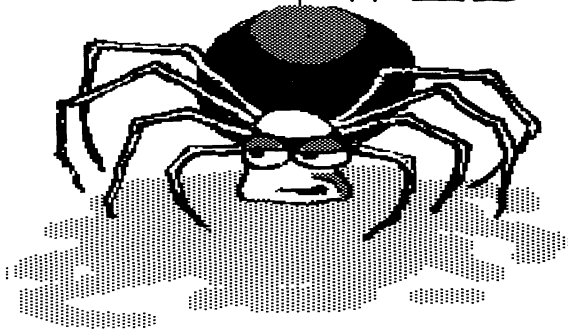


# THE SPIDER'S WEB



## Soup of the Evening, Beautiful Soup

From New Jersey, USA, in the Ocean County Bar Association's newsletter, a tale told at a Family Committee meeting.

"The family of a soon-to-be octogenarian enthusiastically planned a fabulous bash to celebrate the event. They arrange for family and friends to be driven and flown to a posh hotel in Atlantic City to dine with the birthday boy and dance into the wee hours of the morn.

Not a detail was overlooked. Soon after the birthday boy retired to his room, he heard a knock at the door. He discovered a rather seductive young woman who said, 'Your family sent me to ask if you would care for some super sex?' 'How thoughtful' he replied, 'I'll take the soup'."

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## Time Flies

It was recently revealed that James Spiotto, a partner with US firm Chapman & Cutler, billed 6,022 hours to his clients in 1993 - that's 16.5 hours per day, 365 days per year. This prompted a wag to post the following on Lexis Counsel Connect, a legal e-mail service: "There's this lawyer who dies, see, and she arrives at St Peter's gate. St Peter welcomes her to Heaven and notes that she certainly had a long life on earth. 'Not so!' say the lawyer, 'I'm only 45!' 'Oh,' replies St Peter, 'not according to the hours you billed.'"

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## SBS - Interesting Viewing

*NT News  
TV Guide*

**I LOVE VIENNA.** SBS at 9.30pm. An Iranian German Teacher slowly becomes unhinged in Vienna as his teenage son is led astray by obliging prostitutes from the brothel opposite his hotel and his veiled sister flowers under the attentions of a Polish suitor.

**THE DARK SIDE OF THE HEART.** (1992) SBS at 9.30pm. The Story of a young poet, tired of sex but hungry for love, whose increasingly passionate lovemaking bouts with a prostitute will have startling results. From Argentina, English sub-titles.

*Letter from*

## Chief Justice of Federal Court of Australia

My Dear President

I am writing to let you know that the judges of the Federal Court have decided that, as from the beginning of the legal year in 1995, they will no longer wear wigs as part of their ordinary court dress. Wigs will continue to be worn on ceremonial occasions.

This decision by the judges is not intended to have any bearing upon the attire worn by counsel when appearing before the Court. Counsel's attire will continue to be governed by existing custom and practice.

The judges have also decided that there should be uniformity in their judicial titles. Accordingly, "Mr" will no longer be used as part of the judicial title. The judicial title of Federal Court judges is therefore "The Hon Justice...".

I should emphasise that the decision not to wear wigs as part of a judge's ordinary court dress has of course been made having regard to the Federal Courts own circumstances, which include that its criminal jurisdiction is largely of an appellate nature and does not extend to trials by judge and jury. Moreover, the Court does not ordinarily have to deal with problems of the type that may confront judges of the Family Court.

I would be grateful if you would bring these matters to the attention of your members.

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