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## Opening of the Legal Year 1995

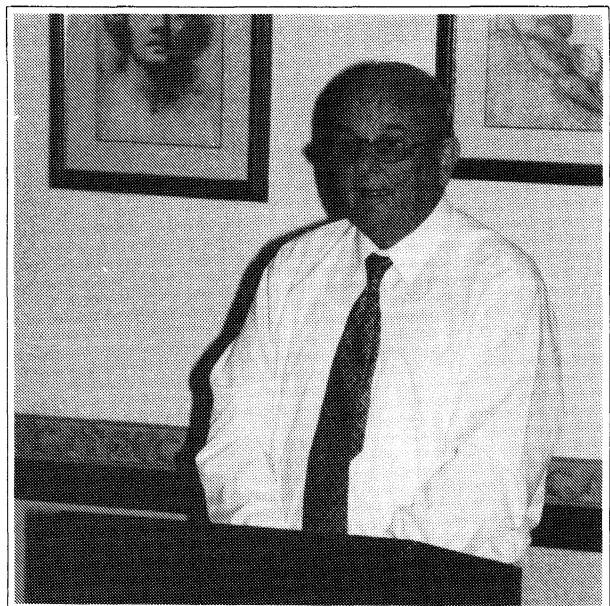
The Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Commissioner Barry O'Keefe, was The Law Society's special guest for the traditional Opening of the Legal Year festivities in Darwin and Alice Springs this month.

A congregation of 80 guests from various areas of the legal profession gathered at the Darwin Memorial Uniting Church on Wednesday, February 1 to hear a service arranged by Reverend Barry Cole-Clarke.

It included greetings and prayers by Reverend Cole-Clarke, bible readings by Acting Chief Justice Sir William Kearney and The Law Society President Terry Gardner plus a psalm by Reverend Ray Foster, while Bishop Ted Collins of the Roman Catholic Church spoke



*Barry O'Keefe AM, Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, addresses lawyers at the Darwin luncheon.*



*Chief Justice Brian Martin speaks to the Alice Springs gathering.*

from the Gospel of Mark. However, highlighting the ceremony in Darwin was Commissioner O'Keefe's address, "The Lawful and Unlawful Use of the Law". *Balance* hopes to publish details of Commissioner O'Keefe's speech in March.

Afterwards, a record crowd of more than 60 practitioners gathered for a luncheon at Peppi's to hear the Commissioner speak about subjects ranging from the moves towards a national profession to the admitting of overseas practitioners into Australia.

Alice Springs practitioners, meanwhile, enjoyed a service at the Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church, led by Father Brian Healy on behalf of the Alice Springs Ministers' Fraternal.

Chief Justice Brian Martin and Commissioner O'Keefe read the lessons for the service, after which more than 40 people assembled at Puccini's Restaurant for the traditional luncheon.