

Tired of Wills and probate?
Getting stressed with
multi-million dollar litigation?

**Why not come on down and
be a volunteer with the
Darwin Community legal
Service.**

**Volunteering is fun,
varied and rewarding.**

We are looking for Solicitors to take
part in our advice sessions.

We run three sessions per week:

Palmerston

Monday nights – 6.30pm to 8pm

Darwin

Thursday evenings – 5.30pm to 7pm

Casuarina

Saturday morning – 10am to 12noon.

If you become a volunteer you would
be rostered on at the venue of your
choice once a month.

**If you would like to volunteer
please ring Colleen on 413394.**



**Advocacy
Skills
Workshop**

**ALICE SPRINGS
31 May – 2 June 1996**

The Australian Advocacy Institute will
present an advocacy skills workshop at
the Court House in Alice Springs.

Communication skills are one of the
most important tools to achieve success
in the courtroom.

This course provides the opportunity to
improve these skills in a supportive
and learning environment.

The Workshop will be led by Brian
Donovan QC of the NSW Bar who has
over 15 years extensive advocacy
teaching experience in Australia,
England, Scotland, Singapore and
Bangladesh.

The registration fee for this three day
course is \$450.00. Phone the Law
Society on 815104 for your registration
form.

Tasmanian research on women lawyers

The Law Letter, newsletter of the
Law Society of Tasmania, reports that
the Women Lawyers Association of
Tasmania has obtained a grant from the
Law Foundation of Tasmania to research
career paths of women lawyers in Tas-
mania. The research is aimed at tracking
the careers of women law graduates
over the last 25 years.

In light of a recent study in NSW
identifying gender bias in the legal pro-
fession as a main reason why women
are not represented in greater numbers
at senior levels, this Tasmanian study
hopes to "identify influences on the ca-
reer paths of women lawyers in Tasma-
nia and propose strategies to address any
factors which may be identified as bar-
riers".

Women who graduated from the
University of Tasmania between 1970
and 1995 with law degrees and who are
not currently practising are asked to
contact Jane Goodluck, PO Box 676,
Sandy Bay, Tasmania, tel 002 24 0553
with details of their address and date of
graduation.

Children and the law – inquiry

The inquiry into children and the
legal process currently being undertaken
by the Australian Law Reform Commis-
sion and the Human Rights and Equal
Opportunity Commission has produced
an Issue Paper entitled *Speaking for
Ourselves. Children and the legal proc-
ess*.

The Commissions have supplied the
Law Society with a copy and seek any
comments and suggestions.

Public hearings and consultations
will be held in capital cities and major
centres during May and July. The in-
tended date for Darwin is 17 July and for
Alice Springs is 18 July.

Those interested are advised to check
local newspapers closer to the date or to
contact either Commission for verifica-
tion.

A Ruff time in court

St John's College narrowly defeated
Kormilda College on points in the first
scoring round of the Inter-school Mock
Trial Competition which took place on
Wednesday 27 March at the Darwin
Magistrates' Court.

Both teams put on a sterling per-
formance before Mock Magistrate Eliza-
beth Morris as they argued the case of
Steptoe & Son v Rufus Diamond.

The case was a dispute between two
one-time mates over repayment of a
loan and payment for a non-functioning
stereo.

Kormilda argued for the plaintiff,
one Fraser Henchman, a second-hand
goods dealer played very shadily by
Cherie Cooper.

Kormilda barristers Katie Burke and
Tamara Johansen, (ably assisted by so-
licitor Luke Andrews) presented their
own evidence with aplomb, but had the
very difficult task of cross-examining
the elusive Rufus (Ruff to his mates)
Diamond.

Mr Diamond, owner of a Top End
bar and self confessed Lee Kernaghan
fan was played almost too well by Peter
Walker of St John's College.

Troy Roberts and Richard Griffith
were effective and hard-hitting defence
barristers for St John's and worked well
in their roles.

Mock Magistrate Morris decided the
case for the plaintiff in the matter of
payment for the non-functioning stereo
- *caveat emptor*, Ruff must pay up.

In the matter of the \$10,000 loan she
was persuaded that Ruff should have
time to pay.

In Alice Springs the two teams from
St Philip's College argued the same case
with Mock Magistrate Murray Preston
deciding for the plaintiff, whose case
was argued by St Philip's Team 1.

The two St Philip's teams will con-
tinue to square off in the coming
rounds.

Competition for who will face whom
at the Grand Final on 6 June hots up as
the teams now prepare to argue the sec-
ond round on 27 April - a civil case
involving a rather interesting tattoo.

