

Some Interesting Admissions ...

The Northern Territory witnessed some historically interesting admissions to practice in March. Details of all those admitted appear on the Society Noticeboard (page 21), but some of the more noteworthy details are recorded below.

First Larrakia Woman

Shahleena Musk, of Larrakia descent, became the first Aboriginal woman to have completed a law degree in the Northern Territory and to be admitted to the Supreme Court.

Shahleena began studying for an LLB at NTU in 1993 and during her studies was awarded an Employment, Education and Youth Affairs cadetship with the Foreign Affairs and Trade Department. In addition, she shared the Koulla Roussos prize in International Law 2

Following completion of her degree, Shahleena took her articles of clerkship at the Office of the Director

of Public Prosecutions, where she has remained following admission. Shahleena's interest in the law is something of a family affair, as her aunt, Ms Veronica McClintic, is also a legal practitioner with the Office of the DPP in Darwin.

A Father and Son Affair

Carl Black was also admitted as a legal practitioner at the beginning of March. Carl's admission was moved by his father former Darwin Lord Mayor and family law practitioner, Cec Black.

It is believed that this is the first Territory admission of a son moved by his father in many years, possibly since Ron Withnall moved his son John's admission in the 1960s.

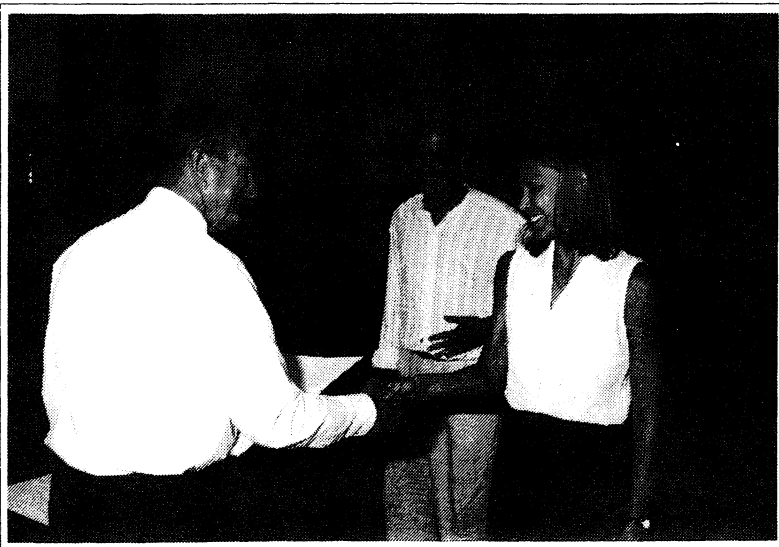
Carl did his articles with David De Silva Hebron and is currently practising with De Silva Hebron, where he has an interest in the commercial litigation side of the law. He does

not intend to follow his father into the family law jurisdiction.

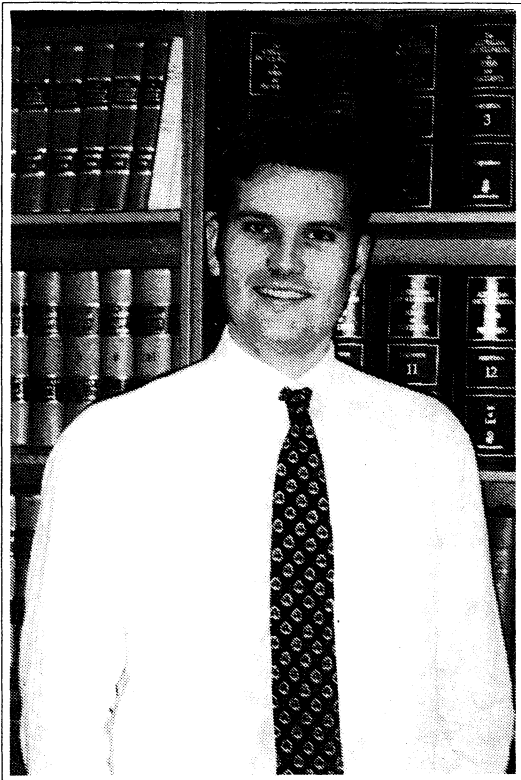
An All-Woman Affair

The admission of Julie Franz, of Ditton's in Alice Springs is thought to have created a milestone in the history of women in the Territory's profession, as it was the first time in that the admission of a female practitioner was moved by another female practitioner (Pam Ditton) before a female judge (Justice Sally Thomas).

Julie, who completed her law degree at Adelaide University, comes from Coober Pedy. The unique nature of her admission had escaped neither her, nor others taking part and she said that the occasion was "a very good ceremony".



Shahleena receiving a university prize from the DPP, Mr Rex Wild, QC



Carl Black