



Society Noticeboard

MOVEMENT AT THE STATION

Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

Has moved to:
Level 1
723 Swanston Street
Carlton VIC 3053
Phone: 03 9347 6600
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Website: www.aija.org.au

Professor David Weisbrot

Elected President of the Australian Law Reform Commission. Three year term

Saul Harben

formerly of De Silva Hebron is moving to:
Freehill Hollingdale and Page
AMP Building
440 St George Terrace
Perth WA 6000
Phone: 08 9211 7777

Mr Damian Bugg QC

Appointed Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. Appointed begins August 2, 1999

Bridget O'Brien

is returning to her position in Adelaide
Executive Assistant
Law Society of South Australia

Julie Davis

Administration Manager
Law Society Northern Territory
is welcomed back to her office.

CLA Legal Writing Competition

The deadline for the receipt of papers has been extended to: **July 18, 1999.**

Please mark your entry to the attention of:

Commonwealth Lawyers Association
International Directorate
The Law Society
113 - 114 Chancery Lane
London WC1A 2PL
United Kingdom
Fax: 0015 44 831 0057

Entries must be typed, no more than 2,000 words and unpublished, original work. Entries require a proof of eligibility (copy of practising certificate and proof of age is required).

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obtained from persons who find themselves in police custody regardless of whether the material has any relevance whatsoever to the charge that put them there.

As lawyers we have failed in our obligation to ensure that the Government has been properly taken to task over the issue. More importantly, pressure must now be applied in order to ensure that the process of gathering, sorting and using DNA samples is open to public scrutiny. Unfortunately that approach has all the effect of shutting the gate after the horse has bolted.

An independent forensic laboratory is a practical step to ensuring open access to sensitive information about ourselves. The idea of freedom is worth only as much as the work we put into maintaining it.

Leaving individual liberty in the hands of the Government is the equivalent of leaving a beautiful landscape by Matisse hanging on Mike Reed's lounge room wall.

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round). Search terms enclosed in brackets will be evaluated first.

The only other operators that you may come across are segment operators such as @. AustLII provides the searchscope element in its search form, which has essentially two options: the whole document or the title. In other databases segments have a more useful role.

So now you should be able to string together very complicated search requests such as: neglig* and (solicitor or lawyer or "legal practitioner") near beneficiary
Of course you could narrow the above search to 'Hawkins v Clayton' and set the searchscope to case name. The first has 87 hits while the second has 1, but then I already knew the answer.

What you have learned here can be applied to any text retrieval system. The only difference will be the expression of their operators (e.g. 'AND' or '+'). I encourage everyone to

experiment. I know that old systems such as InfoOne charged by the search, so experimentation was costly, however AustLII is free. I will end with one word of caution, and this applies to any database, always ensure you know what the database contains (and thereby what it does not contain) and the level of currency! Otherwise you may be searching in vain.

When the boss is not looking...

Yes, Australia is in the final of the World Cup Cricket 99. For all the news, facts and figures visit www.bol.net.in/cricket/. Have you wondered how the point system works? What about the words to the official song? It's all there!!

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