

## Nominative determinism?

It's all in the name. The Australian Institute of Criminal Law (AICL) has Sue Tongue as its President and Stephen Argument as its Secretary.

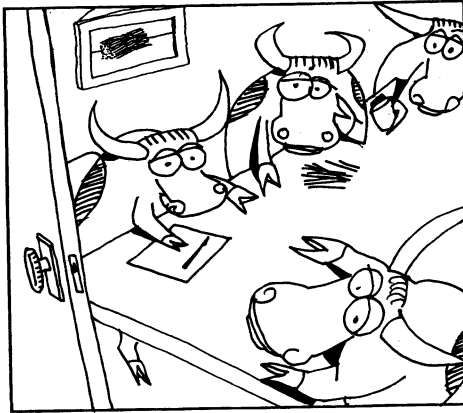
## Uncarney Unkearney

Jodeen Carney was especially sad to see Justice William Kearney retire last month. She estimates his retirement may hit her in the back pocket. Jodeen argues many of her new clients contact her because they think His Honour is her father. The different spelling has never been an issue for them, she says.

## Late for the ball

Patience may be a virtue but panic is all encompassing. So it was for Steve Southwood, the President of the Law Society, dressed in his tux and bow tie, standing in his driveway waiting for the specially hired mini-bus coming from the northern suburbs to pick-up him and his wife for the Law Society Annual Dinner starting at 7.30pm. By 8pm it was too much, he could wait no longer for his friends. As the bus came round the corner Steve was backing his car down

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the drive. Wife? Left standing by the mail box. Seeing the bus pull up, Steve got out of his car and tried to get on the bus. As a cheeky voice from the back of the bus helpfully suggested: "Why don't you sit up the front Steve so you can get there first."

## All tied up

Steve may have been late but at least he arrived fully dressed. Not so for all members. Quite a few had to take advantage of the bow tie tying school under the tutelage of the wives of the Chief Justice, Justice Riley and Pat Loftus in the lounge downstairs.

## In the Flash

The Law Society recently received a transcript of proceedings before Magistrate Cathy Deland in Alice Springs. According to the transcript Ms Deland was asked by James Watson if she would like to rely upon the submissions before her. Ms Deland said she had read the document but it was up to Mr Watson to "flash it out".

The Law Society understands there is absolutely no truth to the rumour that Mr Watson's reply to the Magistrate was: "Your Worship I only have a little to place before you."

## Note to practitioners in the Work Health Court

The new Rules which came into force on 1 August 1999 require the personal attendance of parties and the employer's insurer at directions conferences. The court is setting aside 30 minutes for the first directions conference in each new matter and the new Rules ensure that all medical and hospital reports have been provided to the court prior to or at the conference.

There has been some confusion regarding the application of this new rule to pending proceedings commenced prior to 1 August.

*In an attempt to avoid confusion, please note that the parties and the employer's insurer are not required to attend at a directions conference in circumstances where the date for the conference was fixed prior to 1 August 1999.*

Such a conference will only have been allocated 15 minutes and the relevant medical information may not have been provided to the court to ensure that the conference can proceed.

**Judicial Registrar  
WorkHealth Court**

## Amended Native Title Tribunal Procedures: <http://www.nntt.gov.au>

Amended procedures for considering applications for registration under s190A of the amended Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 are now available on the National Native Title Tribunal's web site.

These amendments will be updated as new issues arise or as the courts rule on the interpretation of the registration provisions in the *Native Title Act*.

Amendments will be clearly visible in boxed sections of a different colour. The contents of the boxed sections will take precedence over the main text.

The procedures will be consolidated

and posted to the web site approximately every three months. The consolidation process will incorporate the boxed amendments in the main text.

Pending the next consolidation, any further amendments will appear in a new boxed section.

If you do not have access to the Tribunal's web site or have difficulty accessing these procedures please contact Fiona Emmett, Registration Test Team Coordinator, on 08 9268 7225.

**The web site address for the National Native Title Tribunal is:**  
<http://www.nntt.gov.au>