

# People in the law



**Patrick Loftus is a Barrister at Edmund Barton Chambers.**

**Background:** Nurse for three years in Adelaide. Moved to Darwin in 1969 to do articles with the Crown Law Office. Spent two years in PNG and seven years in Hong Kong.

**Education:** Law at University of Adelaide. Now struggling with MA at University of Leicester.

**Why are you here?** There is nowhere quite like Darwin!!!

**What do you like and dislike the most about the legal profession?** I like the diversity of law in the NT. I dislike lawyers who take themselves too seriously.

**Your favourite restaurant in the NT and why?** *Palace Garden* - best Chinese tucker in Darwin.

**Your ideal holiday?** Tramp steamer around South America.

**Complete this sentence. I couldn't live without...** Books, music and family.

**If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy?** Two more CDs by the Buena Vista Social Club.

**What book are you reading at the moment?** Thomas Cahill's *How the Irish saved civilisation* and Pat Buchanan's *A Republic not an Empire*.



**Jodi Truman is a solicitor with De Silva Hebron.**

**Background:** Born, bred and educated in Darwin. Been here forever!

**Education:** Northern Territory University Bachelor of Laws.

**Why are you here?** My parents think this is "God's Country" and love it here. This is my home and it is a special kind of place and I haven't finished the things I need to before I leave.

**What do you like and dislike the most about the legal profession?** Dislike: the way people react when they find out you're a lawyer and chasing money! Like: appearing in court.

**Your favourite restaurant in the NT and why?** *Prickles* for their spinach and cheese parcels and because its BYO.

**Your ideal holiday?** Bora Bora in a cabin over the ocean with a glass floor to look into the sea.

**Complete this sentence. I couldn't live without...** my sister.

**If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy?** A night out with my girlfriends.

**What book are you reading at the moment?** *April Fools Day* by Bryce Courtenay.



**Charles Yuen is a Senior Solicitor with Ward Keller.**

**Background:** Fourth Generation Darwin-Chinese on mother's side. Born in Hong Kong, grew up in Darwin. Cyclone Tracy survivor. Spent 16 years in commercial litigation in Hong Kong. Returned to Australia just before Cyclone Thelma (it waited 24 years for me!).

**Education:** Darwin & Nightcliff High. University of Adelaide. Articles at SA Crown Law (1978). Admitted to SA 1979 and UK and HK in 1983.

**Why are you here?** Attracted by the new vibrant Darwin which retains its old friendly multi-cultural and laid back attitude to life. Reconnecting with the old and starting anew.

**What do you like and dislike the most about the legal profession?** Like: all the trappings of success (or illusion of it). Dislike: Dumb questions from laymen like: "How can you represent a murderer *knowing* he is guilty?"

**Your favourite restaurant in the NT and why?** *The Dragon Palace Restaurant* at the Alatai apartments. Try the Roast Duck (order it by phone first).

**Your ideal holiday?** Sun and food at Club Med in the Maldives with my favourite Aromatherapist to get rid of the tension.

**Complete this sentence. I couldn't live without...** TV Commercials. Otherwise I'd burst my bladder (I'm a TV/movie addict).

**If you were down to your last \$50 what would you buy?** That happens once a fortnight. But if it was really the last \$50 I'd buy a lottery ticket, a week's supply of toilet paper, a TV guide, 1/2 tank of petrol, a 6 pack of Carlton Light and a box of 18 pack chips.

**What book are you reading at the moment?** *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* by Ralph De Winter (I teach this at my local church using, yes, video tapes and a 15" TV).