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ENTRY COURSE

The Branch will conduct an Entry Course leading to Associate Membership.

To be held at:
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On
26 and 27 February 2000.

The Course will involve lectures, tutorials and conclude with a 2 hour written examination.

The cost is \$750.

Request for a registration form should be sent to:

The Honorary Secretary
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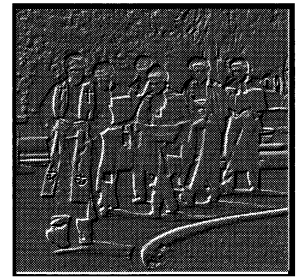
Opening of the Legal Year 2000

Ceremonies to usher in the Opening of the Legal Year will be held in Darwin and Alice Springs in February. Guest speaker the Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Hon David Malcolm AC will officiate.

Darwin activities will take place on Tuesday 1 February 2000. The ecumenical church service will be held at St Marys Cathedral, Smith Street, Darwin, starting at 10.30am. Dress is ceremonial.

The service will be followed by lunch at Signatures Restaurant, Rydges Plaza from 12 noon.

Alice Springs will hold its ceremonies on Thursday 3 February 2000. The service will be held at the John Flynn Memorial Church, Todd Mall at 11am. Lunch will be held at Puccinis at 12.30 with the Hon



David Malcolm AC presenting the address.

Biographical information about the Chief Justice, the Hon David Malcolm AC, can be found on page 7 of this edition of *Balance*.

Bookings are essential. Details should be forwarded to the Law Society via telephone or fax no later than Wednesday 26 January 2000 with payment of \$35.

Family Court of Australia Practice Directions

The Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, the Honourable Alastair Nicholson AO RFD, has issued the following Practice Directions.

Family Court of Australia Practice Direction 1 of 1999

Forms Year 2000

After 1 January 2000 all the prescribed Forms in Schedule 1 of the Family Law Rules which include the date "...19..." in the date field or the text of the form can be altered, where necessary, to insert the correct date and such Form will be deemed to comply with the Rules of the Court due to substantial compliance provisions in the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 and Order 2 Rule 5 Family Law Rules.

Family Court of Australia Practice Direction 2 of 1999

**General timetable of an appeal
Summary of argument and list of authorities**

Paragraph 14.11e. of the Case Management Guidelines No 1 of 1997 implemented by Practice Direction No 1 is hereby revoked.

The following entry takes effect as paragraph 14.11 e. as and from 20 December 1999.

A summary of the arguments to be presented, and a list of the authorities to be relied on at the hearing of an appeal or cross-appeal must be filed and served:

- i. by the appellant or cross-appellant - no later than 14 days before the date of commencement of the sittings in which the appeal (and cross-appeal, if any) is listed for hearing; and
- ii. by the respondent to an appeal or cross-appeal - no later than 7 days before the date of commencement of the sittings in which the appeal (and cross-appeal, if any) is listed for hearing; and
- iii. by a child's representative (if any) - no later than 3 days before the date of commencement of the sittings in which the appeal is listed for hearing.