

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS

Our team of highly qualified and experienced doctors at Medico-Legal Opinions can provide reports (in all specialities) regarding medical negligent claims, both **Plaintiff & Defendant**.

- ◆ Medical negligence/ malpractice
- ◆ Nursing Home abuse
- ◆ Wrongful death
- ◆ Cancer-related
- ◆ Product liability
- ◆ Cosmetic surgery claims
- ◆ Personal injury

Please call Linda — All enquiries welcome and assistance given verbally.

- ◆ Opinion only — files can be forwarded
- ◆ Reports clearly and incisively written
- ◆ Applicant seen on request

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In presenting your address it is vital that you do so with apparent confidence in the force of your argument. If you are hesitant because you have not yet thought through what you are about to say, or because your preparation has otherwise been poor or because you don't find the propositions you make convincing, then it is likely that the jury will not warm to the argument.

Your confidence in the argument you present should be reflected in the language you adopt. The language chosen should convey a sense of certainty.

Propositions that you invite the jury to accept as fact should be expressed in a positive way. Generally speaking the use of expressions such as "it is submitted" or "it may be" or "I ask you to accept" and the like suggest hesitancy and are to be avoided. No matter what your innermost thoughts may be a positive and confident presentation is called for. ①

Profession backing this year's NT Law Handbook

Forty-three practitioners have already agreed to help produce the third edition of the NT Law Handbook in what promises to be a significant pro bono contribution by the Territory profession to a valuable community resource.

"Every other state and Territory produces a Law Handbook," NT Legal Aid project coordinator Samantha Willcox said.

"Each handbook is written by volunteer lawyers who give their time to a publication designed to help the general public understand the law.

support

"The support of people in the profession has been outstanding to date, however there is still a lot of work to be done. I will be contacting many more people during the ensuing weeks to ask for their assistance."

The Handbook is more than 700 pages in length and contains 26 chapters.

The last edition was published in 1997 and is no longer a current and beneficial resource due to the significant changes in the law during the past five years.

"So many people, both within the profession and outside it, refer to the Law Handbook to answer their legal questions," Ms Willcox said.

high quality

"I am confident that the effort put into it by our production team and contributors will result in a high quality and widely used publication.

"Anyone in the legal arena who would like to contribute to the Handbook should contact me at Legal Aid on 8999 3048. All offers delightfully received!"

The NT Law Handbook is a joint project of the NT Legal Aid Commission and Darwin Community Legal Service.

A launch of the publication will be announced later in the year.①