

**Nominations for
the 2003
Biennial Equal
Opportunities
Award**



The Equalising Opportunities in the Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia is seeking nominations for the 2003 Biennial Equal Opportunities Award.

The Award recognises and promotes initiatives within the legal profession that advance the rights of legal practitioners to receive equal opportunities. Judging will be based on the promotion of initiatives that:

- enhance employment or career development opportunities for legal practitioners from diverse backgrounds or with a disability; or
- promote flexible work practices or other work/family initiatives that assist legal practitioners balance work and family/life responsibilities; or
- promote greater harmony between individuals or groups of different race, gender sexuality, age or ethnic origin within Australia; or
- raise and highlight issues of injustice, breaches of human rights and inequality in Australia to assist informed public debate and encourage resolution of those issues; or
- advance the rights of indigenous Australians.

Any legal practice, community legal centre, professional association, court, tribunal or individual is eligible for consideration for the Award.

Nominations close at **5pm EST on Friday 28 February 2003.**

Application forms and rules governing the award are available at <http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au>, or by contacting:

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Know everything?

After many months and considerable effort on the part of more than 100 Territory lawyers and other writers, the third edition of the NT Law Handbook went on sale in December 2002.

Community agencies and government departments are responsible for the bulk of the increasing number of sales to date – not so the local legal profession. At last count only a handful of lawyers had bought a copy for their bookshelves.

Here are some of the reasons why lawyers should rush out and buy an NT Law Handbook immediately:

- 1 the last edition is now more than five years old – our laws have changed dramatically, in some cases, since then.
- 2 the latest edition is more than 1000 pages long and includes entirely new material – on topics including copyright on the internet and superannuation
- 3 the handbook now has a comprehensive index to make finding the subject you're after quicker and easier
- 4 a new feature included in the third edition is a specially compiled list of limitation periods within which legal action must be taken
- 5 there are sixteen pages of contact points as an easy reference guide to the government and community agencies that can help
- 6 the handbook is chockers full of information – legal citations, case references, illustrative examples and more.

The handbook was produced by the NT Legal Aid Commission and Darwin Community Legal Service (DCLS) and partially funded by the Public Purposes Trust. Copies are available for \$60 (plus postage). To order your copy telephone DCLS on 8982 1111. ①



Above: Magistrate Jenny Blokland and NTLAC's Sam Willcox at the "soft" launch of the handbook..

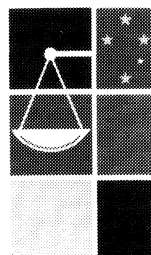
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