

# Modern Technology, New Business Models for Legal Services and Thinking of the Future cont...

tronic or online environment. That is why at Charles Darwin University, for example, we use Blackboard in every subject and have developed online tutorials for students. Indeed, the whole law degree can be undertaken online. Similarly, the ANU LegalWorkshop offered in partnership with CDU has active and successful online programs leading to admission. Given the growth and demand for online learning, there are opportunities for those lawyers who become skilled in the development of such programs.

At the very least, successful lawyers of the future will have to be proficient in the use of such online learning to keep themselves and their organisations at the cutting edge. Some of these lawyers will discover and create new models for legal service delivery.

Peter Drucker noted, "The best way to change the future is to create it." The NT has always produced pioneers who have used technology to create a new future by the use of remote technology, eg School of the Air, Flying Doctor Service, use of video conferencing and other technology in courts. I'm confident that lawyers and legal services will continue that tradition.

## FACES BEHIND THE LAW

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**Brief career history:** BA (Hons)/LLB(Hons) Australian National University in Canberra; Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Perth, practising in industrial relations and corporate law; Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, Central Australian Women's Legal Service. Currently in-house counsel at Ngaanyatjarra Council (AC), Official Visitor to Alice Springs Correctional Centre and ASYASS Board member.

**What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?** I wanted to work for Indigenous people and particularly wanted to use corporate law experience to assist Indigenous business owners.

**How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?** Five years, so far. Jumped at the chance to work for CAALAS.

**What is the best, and worst, thing about living and working in the Territory?** The best things are the people, the variety, the opportunity, the weather, the cultural and artistic melting pot that is Alice Springs. There are no worst things.

**If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?** Unfortunately, wishing for world peace is not a joke anymore, so I would bring about world peace - and try to get rid of all arrogance, pretentiousness and hypocrisy in the process.



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**What is your greatest achievement?** I'm not really the one to ask.

**What are your hobbies?** Oil painting, reading, pottering around the garden, walking, art gallery browsing.

**Describe your perfect weekend:** Doing all or any of the above.

**What are you most passionate about?** Probably self-determination for Indigenous people i.e. enabling people to cope with and engage with non-indigenous society as far as possible on their own terms.

**What was the last book you read?** Dr Zhivago.

**What was the last CD you bought?** Missy Higgins

**What is your favourite holiday destination?** France - I'm not sure why, it just feels nice. And Siberia - it's amazing to spend four days on a train with the exact same view out the window.

**Describe your perfect meal:** a great entree and a great dessert - nothing in between.

**After a long week at work it is finally Friday, you walk up to the bar and order a... ice water with a slice of lemon.**

**Three words that describe you...** that weird chick.