

## Law Firm Malady

Pre-Filing Phobia (PFP). Inability to stray more than five feet from your secretary while she is preparing pleadings that have to be filed by the end of the day.

- *Explaining the Inexplicable: The Roden's Guide to Lawyers*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to newly admitted Northern Territory practitioners Susan Paltride, Robert Chamberlain (Solicitor for the Northern Territory), Gerard Maley (Maleys, Barristers & Solicitors), Kathryn Martin (Cridlands), Clare Sherman (Cridlands) and Rebecca Mapel.

## Movers and Shakers

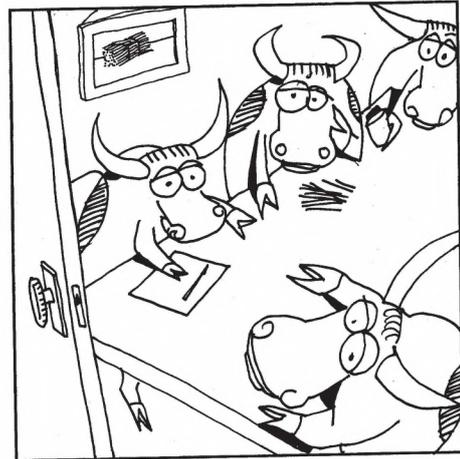
Peter Tiffin has started work with Summary Prosecutions at NTPFES. Previously Peter worked with NAALAS.

A belated welcome to Katarzyna Rutkowska, who is the new head of the Family Law Section at the NT Legal Aid Commission, taking over the reins from Kate Hughes.

More news from Legal Aid, Jenny Hardy has returned from long service leave and Louise Bennett has returned from maternity leave.

Shahleena Musk has left NAAJA and taken up a position at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Western Australia.

## The Muster Room



## Katherine news

Some Katherine members came off worse than others after the recent floods, but few seemed to have time to dwell on it as Court was straight back to business and extremely busy once the water subsided. Apparently not even floodwaters stop the wheels of justice in Katherine.

## Rumours and gossip

Speculation has started about contenders for the Chief Magistrates position after Mr Bradley retires later this year.

Some familiar names keep popping up, but some have suggested that the appointment might be made from outside the usual suspects.

## End of an era

The last offices from the Department of Justice in Darwin finally relocated to the new premises on The Esplanade. Amongst the chaos of relocating, the still found time to hold a wake for the old building.

## Just to keep you laughing

A joke that has been doing the rounds:

A young associate was invited to a party at the home of a senior partner at his firm. The associate wandered awestruck through the house, especially amazed at the original artworks by Picasso, Matisse, and others adorning the walls. As the associate stood gazing at one Picasso, the senior partner approached and put his arm around the associate's shoulder. "Yes," he said, "if you work long and hard, day in and day out, six, seven days a week, 10, 12 hours a day, I could buy another one!"



**Law  
week  
fun run '06**

**Australia Red Cross  
Law Week Fun Run 2006  
17<sup>th</sup> May 5:30pm  
East Point Reserve  
3-5km walk/run  
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