
Faces in the Secretariat

ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MEMBERS OF
THE LAW SOCIETY SECRETARIAT

Barbara Bradshaw, Chief Executive Officer

Brief career history

Studied Law and Jurisprudence at UNSW. After College of Law worked in a country practice in Leeton and Lithgow NSW. Arrived in Darwin in mid 1982 and joined Executive and Policy in the Department of Law. Spent 16 years in various jobs including Policy, Registrar Generals Office, Corporate Affairs, Business of Affairs and Policy. Left 1999 and went to work as General Manager of Traditional Credit Union, before joining the Law Society in 2003. Main interests are finance, governance and Indigenous legal areas.

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

Wanted an interesting job that paid a salary in the humanities area. Did not want to teach.

How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you here?

25 years. To escape Lithgow. Thought it would be adventurous.

What is the best and worst thing about living and working in the Territory?

Best: People, landscape and interesting work.

Worst: Distance from South, Bathurst and relatives and no decent morning papers!

If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Better life for Indigenous people, but at the same time enabling them to retain culture without black or white humbug.

What is your greatest achievement?

Daughter Mary, and still being here!

What are your hobbies?

Reading, walking and history.

Describe your perfect weekend

Saturday morning, Mindil Beach walk with Robert and dogs, shopping, water aerobics, Parap Market lunch, reading then dinner at Fannie Bay Super Pizza with friends. Sunday - working on the Legal Profession Act 2006 (joke!)

What are you most passionate about?

Reviewing the Legal Profession Act 2006 (joke!). Interstate experts purporting to have answers for NT



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“problems”.

What was the last book you read?

London – a criminal history.

What is your favourite movie?

Annie Hall.

What was the last CD you bought?

Linda Ronstadt's Greatest Hits.

What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

UK- History, literature, countryside (not the food).

Describe your perfect meal?

Oysters, fish, rice, salad, ice-cream and a white wine (had at Wharf last week).

After a long week at work it is finally Friday, you walk up to the bar and order a?

Champagne (if with the LSNT staff).

Three words that describe who you are?

Dull, hardworking, dogged.

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Faces in the Secretariat

Sarah Brown, Personal Assistant to CEO

Brief career history

I have worked in administrative fields for over nine years in areas such as Health (Mental Health and Emergency), Planning (Assessment and Regulatory), with the Northern Territory Government in Secretariat as a Ministerial Liaison Officer and various PA roles within this time. I have mainly worked for State/Territory Government and Local Government during my employment history.

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

I can't say what motivated me to start working in the legal profession, but the contract I was offered fitted in with my life at the time and I thought I'd give it a go. I am still here and enjoying it!

How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?

I am a born and bred Territorian. I was born in the old Darwin (Myilly Point) Hospital. I moved to Sydney when I was 18 for about seven years, however I have been back in Darwin for the last three years. I loved the big city life, however my family and affordability to buy my first home brought me back to Darwin.

What is the best, and the worst, thing about living and working in the Territory?

The best thing about living and working in the Territory, after my experiences in Sydney, is the travel time (especially to and from work). I spent nearly two hours in travel each day living in Sydney, and find there are better things in life than fighting the traffic each day.

If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Terrorism.

What is your greatest achievement?

I believe I have achieved many things in life, however the most exciting achievement was last year jumping 10,000 feet from a plane solo, and knowing how to pull my reserve. Many people would look at that as not being a great achievement but utter stupidity for going up there in the first place!

What are your hobbies?

Walking. My other hobby in recent times, which most of my spare time is spent on, is doing renovations on our unit or shed. It is always like 'Backyard Blitz' around our home.

Describe your perfect weekend.

My perfect weekend will be in the next few weekends,



Sarah Brown

sitting on our new decking in our new spa having a few drinks, eating prawns and oysters and soaking up the sun.

What are you most passionate about?

Happiness in life.

What was the last book you read?

It is a book I read in my earlier years, which I decided to read again, "Go Ask Alice". It is a book for all teenagers about a life never to get into!

What is your favourite movie?

I don't have a favorite movie... there are many good movies in different genres that I can't compare to others.

What was the last CD you bought?

I honestly cannot remember! We often burn music.

What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

The United States. The reason is the friendliness and hospitality I received during my stay. Some of my favorite places are Las Vegas, New York and a little place along the coast of California called Ventura.

Describe your perfect meal.

Steak and mashed potato. Boring, but I love it when my parents cook it, as I can never cook it the same.

After a long week at work it is finally Friday, you walk up to the bar and order a?

Glass of wine or champagne.

Three words that describe who you are?

Logical, focused and sincere.