



## Territorian our new Solicitor-General

Long-time Territorian, Michael Grant, commenced his term as Solicitor-General in early November. Mr Grant replaces Tom Pauling QC, who is now the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

The Law Society hosted a function to celebrate the appointment of Mr Grant, who will also be the Society's new Statutory Supervisor.

Mr Grant worked as a law clerk with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory during the course of his legal studies, including a period of secondment to the firm Freehill, Hollingdale & Page for the purposes of the Burgundy Royale litigation. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree conferred by the University of Queensland, having fulfilled the conditions prescribed by study at the Northern Territory University. He completed his articles of clerkship with the then Northern Territory Attorney-General's Department.

Following his admission, Mr Grant worked as a solicitor and then solicitor-advocate with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory until January 1998. In February 1998, he was appointed as Director of Litigation with the Northern Territory Attorney-General's Department. He also acted from time to time as

Chief Executive Officer of that Agency.

Mr Grant joined William Forster Chambers on 2 February 1999. His range of practice was predominantly in the areas of common law (personal injuries, medical and professional negligence), workers compensation, contracts, motor accidents, insurance law, constitutional law, property law, coronial practice and administrative law (judicial review and tribunals). His practice involved appellate work at all levels.

Mr Grant also lectured in Torts and Taxation Law in the Faculty of Law, and in Advanced Taxation Law in the Faculty of Business, at the Northern Territory University, over a period of some four years, whilst a solicitor. During that time, he was also a special tutor for Indigenous students undertaking legal studies, in what subsequently became the Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

In addition to his practice at the Bar, Mr Grant held appointments as President of the Health Professional Review Tribunal constituted under the *Health Practitioners Act 2004*, and as chair of various disciplinary and sporting tribunals.

Mr Grant was awarded a Queen's Counsel in 2006.



*Michael Grant QC at a function celebrating his appointment*



*Richard Bruxner, Justice David Angel and Nic Chrstrup*



*Professor Dennis Clark, Jason Schoolmeester, Matthew Storey and Leonique Swart celebrate with Michael Grant*