

The New South Wales Bar Indigenous Law Students Clerkship 2019



L to R: Marlikka Perdrisar, Courtney Straney, the Hon T. Bathurst (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales), The Hon John Pascoe AC CVO (Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia), Bridget Cama, Michael McHugh SC



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The New South Wales Bar Indigenous Law Students Clerkship 2019 occurred over a period of three weeks in February with the participation of the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the District Court of New South Wales.

The three female Indigenous Clerks, Ms Courtney Straney, Ms Bridget Cama and Ms Marlikka Perdrisar were given the

opportunity to rotate between the NSW Bar and the three participating Courts within the three-week period.

While at the Bar, the clerks were placed with barristers who allowed them to attend client conferences and Court.

The clerks also had the opportunity to be placed in Judge's Chambers and the Registry of the courts to observe the work of Judges, associates and court staff.

The New South Wales Bar Association would like to extend its thanks to the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the District Court of New South Wales as well as Forbes Chambers for allowing the clerks to observe the work of courts and advocates.



Bench and Bar lunch

On Tuesday, 5 March 2019, No.10 Bistro was the venue for the year's first Bench and Bar Lunch. It was a full house, as 75 members of the New South Wales Bar,



together with several judges from the Family Court, Federal Court, Supreme Court and the District Court enjoyed excellent food and punctual service on a beautiful Sydney afternoon.

Those with a seat on the balcony were es-



pecially lucky. If you haven't already done so, enjoying a Bench and Bar Lunch is an ideal introduction to the collegiality of the NSW Bar. Bench and Bar Lunches are an initiative of the Bar Association's Wellbeing Committee and proudly sponsored by BarCover.