

# Government Lawyer

Newsletter of the Law Society of NSW's Government Solicitors' Committee



The Law Society  
of New South Wales

## Chair's Message

By Kim Cull  
Chair, Government Solicitors  
Committee



### Tenth Annual Government Lawyers' CLE Conference

The Government Solicitors' Committee is pleased to invite you to attend the Tenth Government Lawyers' CLE Conference to be held in the Theatre, NSW Parliament House on Tuesday 6 September 2005 from 9.00am – 5.30pm. The registration form is attached to the newsletter and I encourage you to register soon as numbers are limited.



I am delighted to announce that the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon. RJ Carr MP, will be our special guest to address the Government Lawyers Annual Dinner and present the Excellence Awards at the Tenth Annual Dinner to be held

from 5.30pm – 9.45pm in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House following the conclusion of the CLE Conference. This is the first time the Premier has been invited to attend and has agreed to address government solicitors at the Dinner.

The programme for the day has been completed and I am pleased to advise that Michael Sexton SC, NSW Solicitor General, will open the Annual Conference at 9.45am.

Our keynote speaker Tom Hughes AO QC, has agreed to discuss Legal Professional Privilege and the implications for public sector solicitors.

David Mills, Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, will speak on the Law Making Process, the process of turning policy into legislation.

Robert Orr QC, Deputy General Counsel, will address the topic of crown representation for Ministers and federal public servants, he will also discuss current issues.

The state government view will be given by Bernard Ripperger, Manager, Applications & Litigation, Community & Regulatory Services, Attorney General's Department (NSW).

Juliet Bourke, Partner, Aequus Partners, will deliver the case for flexibility in the legal workplace; delivering best practice in integrating the worklife balance for the legal profession.

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Ross Woodward, Deputy Director General, Department of Local Government, will address a segment on "Public Private Partnership" to advise on changes to Local Government partnerships and how this impacts public sector solicitors.

Andrew Kostopoulos, Barrister, will give a presentation involving secrecy, special and public interest immunity.

Geoff Lindsay SC, Bar Representative, Supreme Court Civil Procedure Committee, has been directly involved in drafting the new rules for the Uniform Civil Procedures. He will give an analysis of the new rules and how the changes will affect practitioners working in the Supreme, District and Local Courts in NSW.

The afternoon session will focus on Criminal Law:

- Peter Zahra SC, Senior Public Defender, will speak on Criminal Case Processing.
- Stephen Odgers SC, will present a paper on the latest developments in Criminal Law.

A panel discussion will follow commenting on Stephen Odgers' address consisting of:

■ *Don Weatherburn, Director, Bureau of Crime Statistics, will comment on crime statistics, he will contrast the actual position in relation to crime with the media's portrayal of crime and current issues.*

■ *Luigi Lamprati SC, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW).*

■ *Damien Bugg AM QC, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. His attendance to be confirmed.*

*I would like to encourage all CLE attendees to attend the Dinner, especially to welcome our*

*guest speaker The Hon. RJ Carr MP while he presents the Excellence Awards and to hear his address.*

*To complete an outstanding conference, Julian Morrow and Chris Taylor from The Chaser will provide light moments to end the Tenth Annual CLE Conference & Dinner.*

*I consider this years programme and speakers to be the best yet and it is indeed exciting for Government Lawyers to have the Premier attend and speak at this Annual Dinner.*

*I look forward to welcoming you all on Tuesday, 6 September.*  
**Kim Cull, Chair**

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## **Voluntary Membership of the Law Society** by Mark Richardson, CEO, Law Society of NSW

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The renewal program for 2005/6 is close to completion. As at 30 June 2005 1962 government lawyers have taken out practicing certificates from both the New South Wales and Commonwealth governments. Of these, 1773 have taken up membership, a percentage of 90.4. This is a most encouraging response and the Law Society thanks you for your ongoing support.

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### **The Excellence Award in Government Legal Service**

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#### **A reminder to apply for the Excellence Award in Government Legal Service – applications close on Friday 19 August 2005.**

The award will be made to the candidate or work group judged by the Selection Committee as making a significant contribution above and beyond the usual duties and responsibilities associated with their position.

All government solicitors are encouraged to nominate colleagues whose legal work is worthy of special recognition.

The rules and conditions can be found within this newsletter.

The winner will receive a cheque for \$1750 and a book voucher to the value of \$750 from our sponsor Thomson Legal & Regulatory.

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### **2005 Government Solicitors' Committee**

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**Chair:** Ms Kim Cull, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director General and Assistant Director General, Ministerial & Parliamentary Services, Premier's Department NSW and Councillor, Law Society of NSW  
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## The John Edmund Hennessy Fellowship 2005

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A reminder that applications for the 2005 John Hennessy Fellowship close on Friday 19 August, 2005.

The Fellowship was established in 1999 to honour John Hennessy, who served in the Attorney General's Department for over 40 years. In doing so he combined the highest professional standards as a solicitor with long and dedicated service to the public.

You are encouraged to apply for this fellowship up to the value of \$5,000, which can be used to cover the expenses of attending legal conferences, travel, research and associated expenses to enhance skills and expertise in the practice of law or to undertake research on a specific research project into legal systems relevant to the NSW legal system.

The selection criteria will be found within this issue of the newsletter.

## Government Legal Department Heads Forum

The GLDH's held another successful morning forum on Friday 13 May. These bi-annual meetings provides the occasion for an open exchange of views, frank discussion and makes available a venue for contacts between departments. The Chair, Kim Cull welcomed the attendees and reported on the current issues that the Government Solicitors Committee are addressing.

The winner of the 2004 Hennessy Awards, Michael Arch, Solicitor, Office of the City Prosecutor, Sydney City Council, was presented with his award. Michael intends to use the fellowship for a proposed survey of environmental issues/problems faced by local government bodies throughout NSW in applying current environmental protection legislation.

Annette Sinclair, Attorney General's Department, spoke of the Excellence Award she received in 2003 as part of the team from the Legal Representation Office representing the families of the victims and the injured at the "Waterfall Rail" Special Commission of Inquiry.

Mark Richardson, Government Solicitors' Committee, spoke about voluntary membership and the opportunities for government solicitors.

Greg Williams, Government Solicitors' Committee, spoke on the proposal for the development of an induction program for junior lawyers entering the NSW public sector.

Howard Bell, Government Solicitors' Committee, spoke on legal officer career management: maximizing the organizational return on the in-house legal dollar.

Juliet Bourke, Partner, Aequus Partners, spoke on workplace flexibility in the legal profession.

## CAPSL Meeting in September 2005

A reminder that in conjunction with the Commonwealth Law Conference, CAPSL will hold its satellite meeting on 10 September, 2005.

To obtain details of the Conference including venue visit the website on [www.capsl.org](http://www.capsl.org) or email [capsl@bigpond.com](mailto:capsl@bigpond.com).

## Commonwealth Law Conference 11–15 September 2005 – Developing Law & Justice

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association and the Law Society of England & Wales will jointly host the 50th Anniversary Commonwealth Law Conference 2005 to be held at The Queen Elizabeth 11 Conference Centre located in the heart of Westminster, opposite the Houses of Parliament, London. The Opening Ceremony will be held in the Great Hall of Central Hall Westminster.

This is the first time that the Conference has been held in London since the inaugural Conference in 1955. Up to 2000 lawyers representing 53 Commonwealth countries are expected to attend.

The Conference offers a four day programme with keynote speakers and 60 working sessions. The Conference provides an opportunity to network with your peers and meet delegates from all fields of practice in the Commonwealth.

To find out more and to register your interest visit [www.commonwealthlaw2005.com](http://www.commonwealthlaw2005.com) or email [commonwealth2005@lawsociety.org.uk](mailto:commonwealth2005@lawsociety.org.uk).

## Sponsorship to the Commonwealth Law Conference

The Law Society of New South Wales Government Solicitors' Committee sought expressions of interest to sponsor a Young Government Solicitor to attend the Commonwealth Law Conference in London from 11 – 15 September 2005 and the Commonwealth Association of Public Sector Lawyers (CAPSL) on 10 September 2005 prior to the Conference.

The committee was delighted with the response and is pleased to announce that the sponsorship has been won by David Coorey, Legal Aid. David's application was judged to be the most competitive in addressing the criteria.

David was presented with his cheque for \$3,000 at the recent Government Legal Department Heads Forum by the Chair Kim Cull. The cheque will assist in defraying the expenses of the conference fee, travel and accommodation costs.

David will submit a written report on Conference and seminar attendance to the Council of the Law Society and write an article for the Government Lawyer newsletter.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWYER

by John Patterson,  
Government Solicitors' Committee

Two years ago I underwent what is called a mid-career (life) crisis. Having practiced criminal law for 13 years I decided a "sea change" was necessary for me.

The opportunity came when the Department of Local Government employed me as a legal officer. Not only did it offer me a challenge to reinvent myself from a criminal lawyer to local government lawyer, but it also gave me the privilege of living near the Nowra Township on the NSW south coast.

My particular practice involves recommending to the Minister as to whether to grant statutory approvals. This in itself can be simultaneously frustrating and rewarding. Gathering further information from councils is sometimes protracted but necessary as you are trying to facilitate the Ministerial approval process. The majority of my contact with councils is by phone in steering them (as opposed to advising) in the approval process. The information obtained by a council needs to be condensed for the Minister to quickly consider an application. This process can be slow, usually requiring frequent consultation with other Department lawyers and redrafts.

It is interesting to observe that many NSW councils continuously test the breadth of their powers under the Local Government Act 1993. A trend that I have observed is councils wishing to acquire land (usually Crown land) for industrial, residential and tourism purposes. However the Act does not clearly prescribe the extent of council's powers. As a result I need to apply general principles of statutory interpretation that often involve a balancing exercise of various competing interests.

As with most government legal departments, independent legal advice may have political implications.

When Parliament is sitting the Department's Legal Services Branch is required to frequently provide rapid legal and policy advice and information to the Minister's office. From a personal perspective I find this a fascinating process to witness the political interaction between local and state government bodies.

However, until I had witnessed this process, I never fully appreciated the necessity of maintaining independent and unbiased legal advice. It is clear that the Minister's Office and the Department has and continues to appreciate the autonomy of their legal advisors.

Through a typical day I usually answer several phone calls seeking my views on the Acts that the Department administers. Although the Department can only provide information to the public about these Acts, some members (including councils and

fellow legal practitioners) expect legal advice. Of course personal sympathies can sometimes be given to their predicament. However, inevitably the caller must be informed that the Department is unable to provide legal advice.

Another misconception the public has regarding the Department is its oversighting role of councils. The Local Government Act gives a degree of autonomy to councils (like its lawyers) and gives only limited powers to the Minister to intervene and investigate councils. Despite this, the Department fields a myriad of phone calls and correspondence usually seeking redress of councils' decisions. As a matter of courtesy, these written complaints require written responses. Although these letters do not strictly require legal advice they do require research skills in establishing as to what is the Department's prior and current policy and response on the issue(s) raised by the writers.

I find this aspect of my role as the most perplexing. It is not strictly a legal function, requires careful drafting and consumes a great deal of resources. However, it does require legal skills in being able to formulate a cohesive and appropriate response based on law and policy.

As a whole I find my work simultaneously frustrating, varied and interesting. I am grateful to a Department that provides me an opportunity to develop a broader range of interesting and challenging legal skills.

### Government Lawyer Newsletter

The Government Solicitors' Committee would appreciate your feedback in regard to the content of the "Government Lawyer".

Would you like the publication to:

- Involve the reader to be more responsive to issues canvassed in the newsletters;
- Be available on the Law Society web site or/and linked to "Monday Briefs";
- Include letters to the editor, comments;
- Include changes to government legal departments (including senior staff movements);
- include Legislation updates (including exposure bills, discussion papers); and/or
- Include "snippets" consisting of small pieces of information pertinent to government lawyers?

The Committee would be pleased to receive your comments by letter to Robyn Davies, Government Solicitors' Committee, DX 362 Sydney or email to [rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au](mailto:rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au)

# Excellence Award in Government Legal Service



The Law Society  
of New South Wales

## Rules and Conditions

FAX (02) 9223 1496  
DX 362 SYDNEY

1. The Award will be made to the candidate or work group judged by the Selection Committee as having to have made within the last twelve (12) months a significant contribution above and beyond the usual duties and responsibilities associated with their positions through:
  - a. Conduct of matters or projects, or performance of tasks and/or;
  - b. Development of legal policy, legislation, training or other innovations in the delivery of Government Legal Service and/or;
  - c. Management of a legal team.
2. This Award is open to solicitors holding NSW Practising Certificates (although it is not mandatory that all members in a team hold practising certificates). Nominees must be in Government Legal Service at the time of nomination. This includes Statutory Corporations, Instrumentalities, Commissions and the like.
3. Nominations close on C.O.B. 19 August 2005 and should be sent to:  
Robyn Davies, Law Society, DX 362 Sydney, or  
170 Phillip Street Sydney 2000.
4. Awards will be presented on 6 September at the Annual Government Lawyers Dinner at Parliament House.
5. No responsibility will be accepted for nominations lost, damaged or delayed in transit to the Law Society of New South Wales.
6. All government solicitors are encouraged to nominate colleagues whose legal work is worthy of special recognition.
7. Nominations for the Award shall not give rise to any legal obligations or duties, valid or enforceable in any way, against any of the parties involved.
8. On all questions, disputes or matters arising in relation to the Award, the Law Society's decision will be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
9. The Government Solicitors' Committee reserves the right to make such inquiries it deems appropriate in order to verify information contained in the application.

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# Excellence Award in Government Legal Service



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## Nomination Form

(Please copy and complete)

FAX (02) 9223 1496  
DX 362 SYDNEY

We hereby nominate for the **2005 Excellence Award in Government Legal Service**

*Please print name of nominee or work group – attach particulars separately, if necessary:*

\_\_\_\_\_

who is employed at (*name of employer*): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

whose address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DX: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held during the last 12 months – *give title or titles of positions held or function of project team:*

\_\_\_\_\_

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Admitted as a solicitor/s on – *attach list regarding qualifications/positions of team members, practising certificate details:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please note:

- 1) attach to the nomination form in 500 words or less, why the above named has been nominated and outline the outstanding contribution that has been made to Government legal service, the community etc.
- 2) attach two (2) references or supporting documents.
- 3) for Rules and Conditions please contact Robyn Davies at the Law Society of NSW on (02) 9926 0276 or email [rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au](mailto:rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au)

**Closing date for nomination is Friday 19 August 2005.**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Law Society of New South Wales Government Solicitors' Committee (GSC) is proud to once again sponsor the John Hennessy Fellowship 2005.

**OVERVIEW:**

The GSC established the John Edmund Hennessy Fellowship in 2000 to support public sector solicitors for the purpose of:

- (a) Enhancing their skills and expertise in the practice of law relevant to their duties as a public sector lawyer, or;
- (b) Undertaking a specific research project into legal systems in another jurisdiction which will be relevant to the improvement in the cooperation of the applicant's employer or the operation of the New South Wales legal system.

The Fellowship will be offered from time to time up to the value of \$5,000. The Fellowship can be used to cover the expenses of attending legal conferences, travel, research and associated expenses.

It is expected that on completion of the project, the successful applicant will submit a final project report to the GSC within one (1) month of completion of the project. The report will be in a format suitable for submission by the GSC for publication in the Law Society Journal, Government Lawyer Newsletter, or other publication as determined by the GSC.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The following selection criteria will apply:

- The applicant must be a solicitor employed in the New South Wales public sector currently holding a New South Wales practising certificate;
- The application must demonstrate a real potential benefit to the public sector by way of enhancing the applicant's skills and expertise in the practice of law relevant to their duties as a public sector lawyer, or improvements in the operation of the applicant's employer, or improvements in the operation of the New South Wales legal system;
- The project must be costed and come within the budget of the Fellowship;
- The project must have a letter of support from the applicant's project sponsor;
- The project must be of such a nature that it is capable of being the subject of a written report to be prepared by the applicant for publication by the GSC;
- The project sponsor must agree to evaluate the project on its completion and provide a written evaluation report to the GSC within a reasonable completion of the project;
- The application must specify how any funds provided under the Fellowship will be expended and how such expenditure will be accounted for;

- The project must be capable of completion within a period of a maximum of six (6) months from the date of approval by the GSC or such other time by mutual agreement; and
- If the project involves overseas study/research or leave from work, the application must demonstrate that any approvals/consents for such study/research or leave by the applicant's employer and any relevant overseas authority have been granted or will be forthcoming.

Each application will be assessed on the criteria outlined above. The decision of the GSC will be final.

**APPLICATIONS:**

Applications must address the selection criteria set out above, include a curriculum vitae, a description of the proposed project, a timetable for completion and be typed.

**PROJECT REPORT:**

The project report will describe the nature of the project undertaken, the reasons the project was undertaken, and (as applicable) details of skills and expertise learned as a result of undertaking the project, or recommendations for improvement to the operations of the applicant's employer, or improvement to the operation of the New South Wales legal system.

**PROJECT SPONSOR:**

Each applicant must have a project sponsor within the New South Wales Government legal sector. Generally the sponsor will be the applicant's employer unless the nature of the proposed project indicates otherwise. The GSC reserves the right to reject any proposed sponsor.

The role of the project sponsor is:

- (a) To assess the usefulness of the project to the applicant's employer or, where applicable, the New South Wales public sector;
- (b) To provide the applicant with assistance, where necessary, in completing the project; and
- (c) To document the value of the project on its completion. The evaluation is to be attached to the final project report for submission to the GSC.

**LODGEMENT OF APPLICATION AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**Applications are to be lodged no later than C.O.B. 19 August 2005.**

Please forward applications to:  
Robyn Davies, Regional Co-ordinator & Liaison Officer,  
Law Society of New South Wales,  
DX 362 Sydney or  
170 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Telephone: 02 9926 0276;  
Facsimile: 02 9223 1496  
E-mail: rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au

# Government Lawyers' CLE Conference & Dinner

## Protecting our Information and our People

NSW Parliament House – Tuesday 6 September 2005



The Law Society  
of New South Wales

### Registration Form

FAX (02) 9223 1496  
DX 362 SYDNEY

Name: ..... Law Society I.D.: .....

Department: .....

Address: (DX preferred) .....

E-mail: .....

**I wish to attend.** Tel No: .....

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|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLE conference only (\$115.00)      | Non-Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLE conference only (\$150.00)      |
|        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dinner only (\$55.00)               |            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dinner only (\$72.00)               |
|        | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLE conference & dinner (\$170.00)  |            | <input type="checkbox"/> | CLE conference & dinner (\$222.00)  |
|        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plus Partner for dinner (+ \$55.00) |            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Plus Partner for dinner (+ \$72.00) |

Special Requirements (Dietary etc.) . .....

My partner will/will not attend the dinner. His/her name is: .....

Please debit my credit card: \$  AMEX  Mastercard  Visa  Bankcard

Card number:             Expiry Date: .....

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OR: I enclose a cheque/s for: \$  OR: Please send Tax Invoice requesting payment for: \$

All charges include GST and a Tax Invoice will be issued, to the address shown above, on receipt of payment. If you want the tax invoice (and/or a separate tax invoice for dinner costs) sent to your home address please specify and include your private address:

For corporate seminar packages, where attendees are rotated on the one ticket with only one officer in attendance per session, please indicate the various names below against the sessions to be attended:

Time	Seminar		Attendee – please complete
9:30am – 10:00am	Welcome address Kim Cull, Chair, Government Solicitors' Committee Opening address: Mr Michael Sexton SC, NSW Solicitor General	Session 1	
10:00am – 10:45am	Keynote Speaker: Legal Professional Privilege Mr Tom Hughes AO QC		
10:45am – 11:00am	Morning Tea	Session 2	
11:00am – 1:00pm	Law making process Crown Representation for Federal Public Servants Crown Representation in NSW Flexibility in the Legal Workplace		
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Public Private Partnerships Public Interest immunity Uniform Civil Procedures	Session 3	
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Afternoon Tea	Session 4	
4:15pm – 5:30pm	Criminal Case Processing Developments in Criminal Law Panel Discussion		

Please complete the registration form by 26 August 2005 and forward to Robyn Davies, Law Society, DX 362 Sydney, 170 Phillip Street Sydney 2000, facsimile 9223 1496, or e-mail to rad@lawsocnsw.asn.au, for any queries or to book in advance. If you would like to book a corporate table of up to 8 for dinner, please state this clearly and attach a list of the persons to be included at the table. N.B.: Where a cancellation is received less than 48 hours prior to the start of the CLE Conference, the full price of attendance will be due. A refund must be requested in writing, and a cancellation fee of \$10.00 may be charged or deducted from the registration fee where cancellation is advised within 7 days of the CLE Conference.



# Government Lawyers' CLE Conference & Dinner

Protecting our Information and our People



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NSW Parliament House (ground floor theatre)  
Tuesday 6 September 2005

FAX (02) 9223 1496  
DX 362 SYDNEY

Time	Speaker	Event Seminar	
9:00am – 9:30am		Registration	
9:30am – 9:45am	Ms Kim Cull, Chair, Government Solicitors' Committee	Welcome	Session 1
9:45am – 10:00am	Mr Michael Sexton SC, NSW Solicitor General	Open Conference	
10:00am – 10:45am	Mr Tom Hughes AO QC	Keynote Speaker Legal Professional Privilege	
10:45am – 11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>		
11:00am – 11:30am	David Mills, Asst. Parliamentary Counsel	Law making process	Session 1
11:30am – 12:15pm	Robert Orr QC, Deputy General Counsel	Crown Representation for Federal Public Servants	
	Bernard Ripperger, Manager, Applications & Litigation, AG's Dept	Crown Representation in NSW	
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Juliet Bourke, Partner, Aequus Partners	Flexibility in the Legal Workplace	
12:45pm – 1:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:45pm – 2:20pm	Mr Ross Woodward, Deputy Director General Department of Local Government	Public Private Partnerships	Session 1
2:20pm – 2:50pm	Andrew Kostopolous, Barrister	Public Interest immunity	
2:50pm – 3:30pm	Geoffrey Lindsay SC	Uniform Civil Procedures	
3:30pm – 3:45pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
3:45pm – 5:30pm	Peter Zahra SC, Senior Public Defender Stephen Odgers SC Dr Don Weatherburn PSM, Director, Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research Luigi Lamprati SC, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Damien Bugg AM QC, (His attendance to be confirmed) Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Criminal Case Processing Developments in Criminal Law  Panel Discussion	Session 1
5:30pm	Close		
		<b>6.5 CLE Points</b>	

## Government Lawyers Annual Dinner

NSW Parliament House (Strangers Dining Room)

Time	Event	Location	
5.30pm – 6.30pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks	Strangers Dining Room	Dinner
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Address & Presentation of the Excellence Awards <b>The Hon. Bob Carr MP, Premier of New South Wales</b>		
7.00pm – 8.30pm	Dinner Presentation of the Hennessy Awards		
8.30pm	After Dinner Entertainment – "The Chaser"		
9.45pm	Close		