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A weekly update on regulatory changes, events and information relevant to the legal profession.

MONDAY BRIEFS

THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

This week: Upcoming NSW Young Lawyers CLE seminars; Family Law Court updates; Workers' Compensation Commission.

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Message from the President, Stuart Westgarth

In the coming weeks, I will be taking the opportunity to provide brief updates on the initiatives of the Law Society and the work of its Council.

This week, I would like to introduce and welcome two new Councillors to the Law Society; Gary Ulman, a Partner at Minter Ellison Lawyers and Angelo Bilias, a Partner of Bilias & Associates Solicitors. Their appointments continue until the annual elections in October this year.

These appointments fill the positions of two Councillors – Anne Sullivan and Theo Tsavdaridis – who have recently elected to resign from Council. Anne, who held one of the large law firm positions, was formerly a Partner at Blake Dawson and is now in-house General Counsel at KPMG. Anne's decision has been forced by work and travel commitments. Theo Tsavdaridis, who held one of the suburban council positions, was appointed a Magistrate of the Local Court.

I would like to sincerely thank Anne and Theo for their work on Council and on the Committees of the Law Society upon which they have served.

> Read about the President's professional background.

NEWS

> Reminder: Opening of Law Term Services

All practitioners are invited to attend services to mark the 2011 Opening of Law Term:

- St Mary's Cathedral, St Marys Rd Sydney, 9.00am, Monday 31 January.
- St James Church, King St Sydney, 10.30am, Monday 31 January.
- Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Cleveland St Redfern, 6.30pm, Tuesday 8 February.
- The Great Synagogue, Elizabeth St Sydney, 5.30pm, Friday 11 February.

> Family Law: New Application for Consent Orders

The Family Law Court has amended the Application for Consent Orders Kit and Form. Old versions of the form and kit (dated 01/03/09 V3) can be used until 1 Feb 2011. Read more and download the new versions.

> Reduction of court fees on the basis of financial hardship

The following Law Society Precedents suites have been updated:

> Federal Court Forms
> Leases

Licensees can download the updates from the

On 1 Nov 2010 the Family Law Courts issued new guidelines and application form for the reduction of court fees on the basis of financial hardship to reflect changes to Family Law and Federal Magistrates Regulations that replaced waivers and exemptions with a low flat fee. View the new guidelines. The application form was also updated. Download the new form.

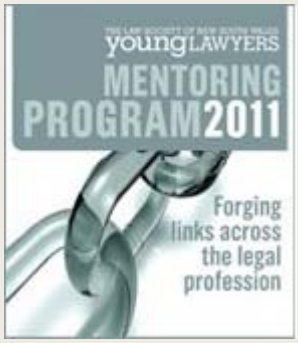
> Legal practitioners on MARA website

From 1 Feb 2011 the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) will publish online migration agents who are also Australian legal practitioners and update its online 'Find an Agent' search to include this criterion. Legal practitioners can check their details are up-to-date or opt-out prior to the update on the 'Agent Login' area of MARA's website.

> Judicial appointments

- Justice Anthony Whealy has been appointed as a Judge of Appeal in the Supreme Court of NSW, effective 31 Jan 2011.
- Louise McManus and Margaret McGlynn have been appointed as part-time Magistrates of the Local Court of NSW. The swearing-in ceremony wil be held at 9am on 7 Feb in court 5.2 of the Downing Centre, Liverpool Street.
- Shane McAnulty, Barrister, will be sworn in as a Magistrate of the Local Court of NSW at 9am on 14 Feb in courtroom 5.2 of the Downing Centre.

Precedents website.



Mentoring Program now accepting applications

The NSW Young Lawyers Mentoring Program unites young and newly-admitted lawyers with more experienced ones willing to volunteer their time. Read more and apply.

> Workers Compensation Commission seeking arbitrators

Applications are sought from legal practitioners or persons with skills, qualifications and experience in the resolution of workers compensation disputes. Applications close on 13 Feb 2011. For more details visit the Commission's website.

> Winners of Law Society Members Survey

Thank you to the many solicitors who participated in last year's Law Society Members' Survey. The ten winners (selected at random) of a $250 gift card from either Myer/Coles Group, David Jones or Amazon.com, have now been notified.

> Calling all gifted musicians, comedians, entertainers

Do you have an alter-ego? Lawyer by day, singer, musician, comedian or dancer by night? Would you like to perform in the Amphitheatre of Martin Place during Law Week? If you think you've got what it takes email Louise Read at the Law Society to register your interest. This year Law Week will be held from 16 to 20 May.

Media Updates

NSW Attorney General

14 Jan	Two new magistrates for the Local Court
14 Jan	Surrogacy Act 2010 – Commercial surrogacy arrangements entered into overseas before 1 March 2011

Federal Attorney General

15 Jan	Extra disaster assistance for flood-affected communities in Northern NSW
19 Jan	Locals urged to apply for flood assistance
21 Jan	International cooperation on cyber security and crime

LEGAL & POLICY

Proclamations of commencement

> Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Amendment Act 2010 No 103: 28 February 2011

> Evidence Amendment Act 2010 No 69: 14 January 2011

> State Emergency and Rescue Management Amendment Act 2010 No 117: 14 January 2011

> Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2010 No 101: 1 February 2011

Submissions – Law Council
> Exposure Draft of the Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill (No.1) 2011 (Cth)

NSW Law Reports> NSWLR Volume 76, Part 2 now available to online and print subscribers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NSW Young Lawyers CLE

One Day Seminars

Covering IP & Technology Law, Employment & Industrial Law, Criminal Law, Civil Litigation, Family Law and Property Law. Earn up to three quarters of your annual CLE points. Read more & register

CLE Seminars

February

2	NSW District Court Practice, Procedure and Case Management
9	OH&S, EEO and Workplace Discrimination
15	Guide to Legal Costs – Law and Practice
16	Mental Health Law in NSW – How to Successfully Represent Your Clients
22	Overview of Trust Money and Trust Records
23	Acting Effectively For a Client at a Mediation

March

22	Ethics for Litigators: Rule 42 Professional Conduct and Practice Rules
23	Water Law & Contaminated Land Management
30	The Three Cs: Communication, Conflicts and Costs
31	Pets and Family Law

College of Law

CLE Seminars

February

7	Property and Commercial Lawyers: Property, Competition and Consumer Law
8	A Guide to Practice and Procedure in the District and Local Court
9	ABC of Letter Writing and Advices
10	Trade Marks – Current Issues
10	Rule 42 Mandatory CPD
11	Cornerstones of Contract Law

Practice Management Courses

Sole Practitioners Course for an Unrestricted Practising Certificate, 25-26 February and 5 March.

See all practice management courses.

EVENTS

Law Society events

Opening of Law Term Dinner
Monday 31 Jan 7.30pm
The Hon J. J. Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of NSW will be the keynote speaker. Book tickets by

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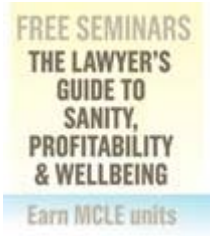

seminar date to register.

Regional law societies

New listings:

> Parramatta & District Law Society, 2011 Opening of Law Term Inter-Church Service, Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta, 9.30am, 1 February
> Newcastle Law Society, 2011 Opening of Law Term Ecumenical Service, Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle, 9.30am, Wednesday 2 February.
> Far South Coast & Monaro Law Society, Annual CLE Seminar & AGM, 12 February, Merimbula.
> City of Sydney Law Society:
Best Business Development Tips This Year, 9 February
Setting Aside Statutory Demands – The Evidence Required, 16 February

See the Law Society's online CLE & Events Calendar for all current regional events.

Regional, rural and remote vacancies: Solicitor, Glen Innes

The legal community

Law Council of Australia 2011 Family Law Intensive, 12 February, Sofitel Wentworth Hotel. Covering family violence, child support, superannuation, de facto relationships and the latest important decisions.

Annual NSW Daylight Saving & BBQ Golf Day, 15 February, NSW Golf Course, La Perouse.
Compete in an Individual Single Stableford and 2 Ball Team event and earn MLCE units.

Free Workers Compensation Seminars, various locations and dates in March. Covering the operations of the WCC (NSW) and recent changes in this area.

Understanding Violence and Aggression: Theory and Therapy Techniques, 8 March, University of NSW. Full-day workshop conducted by Professor Jane L. Ireland, PhD, Chartered Forensic Psychologist.

Advances in Aggression Therapy and Treatment, 9 March, University of NSW. Open seminar with guest speaker Professor Jane L. Ireland.

To view upcoming events listed in previous editions of Monday Briefs, visit the Law Society's Events for the legal community web page.

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