

MONDAY BRIEFS



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

News

Legal & Policy

Professional Development

Events

Services & Support

This week: Opening of Law Term services this week; Equal Remuneration Case decision issued; graduate employment.



[Click for the online version](#)



[Previous issues](#)



The diversity of our profession

The events held to mark the traditional Opening of Law Term occurred on Monday, 30 January 2012. It was a great honour to have as the guest speaker at the official dinner held at Parliament House in the evening, the Honourable Tom Bathurst, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who delivered an excellent address. I also outlined my vision and plans for my presidency during the coming year.

As I stated in my address, the Law Society seeks to represent the interests of the 25000 solicitors in New South Wales. The profession is remarkably diverse, and I look forward to representing the vital interests of sole practitioners, practitioners working in small firms as well as middle tier and national firms. Corporate lawyers and Government lawyers are also an integral part of the programme that we have planned for 2012.

It is enormously important that the Law Society represents the complete profession, and this will be evidenced in a number of ways this year.

In addition to the Opening of Law Term dinner which occurred last week, the Anglican and Catholic Church services also took place. The annual Red Mass can be traced back to the 13th century, reaffirming the value and standards of the legal community, and this rich heritage is reflected in the other church services. The Greek Orthodox and Jewish services will take place this week. I also draw your attention to the first ever Islamic service which will be held on 9 February at the Gallipoli Mosque at Auburn, 6pm to 7.30pm.

The year ahead will present many challenges and opportunities, and I look forward to effectively representing the profession.

Justin Dowd, President 2012

NEWS

> Opening of Law Term Services

All practitioners are invited to attend multi-denominational Sydney services to mark the 2012 Opening of Law Term:

- [Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation](#), 6.30pm, 7 February.
- [Islamic Mosque service](#), 6pm, 9 February, Gallipoli Mosque, Auburn.
- [The Great Synagogue](#), 5.30pm, 10 February, followed by



Friday night service and dinner.

> **Equal Remuneration Case - Decision issued**

The Full Bench decision issued 1 February 2012 in the Equal Remuneration Case: [2012] FWA FB 1000. Community sector workers to receive pay rises between 19 and 41 per cent, phased in over eight years, in nine equal instalments, commencing from 1 December 2012.

> **Attracting the right graduates for your regional firm**

The Graduate Employment and Summer Clerkship Programs administered by the Law Society include nine law schools based in regional NSW. The programs are available to all regional law firms with the aim of increasing legal recruitment in the regions. To participate in either the graduate employment or summer clerkship programs [click here](#). Contact Bridget Sordo on ph: 9926 0344 or Bridget.Sordo@lawsociety.com.au for more information.

> **Swearing in ceremony for District Court**

David Ulric Arnott SC will be sworn in as a District Court judge on 13 February at 9.30am, 86-90 Goulburn Street, Sydney with a morning tea to follow in the Judges' Common Room.

> **Earn 7 CPD points for the Online Wills and Probate Course**

This **four week course** in February covers a broad range of topics including drafting a will, taking instructions, probate, administration and distribution of estates and intestacy. The online facilitator is an experienced solicitor available through scheduled online chats and discussion forums and email. Suited to solicitors with little to no experience in Estates they should be able to meet part of their substantive law requirements under Solicitors Rule 42 (up to 7 CPD points). [Click here to enrol](#).

> **Judicial and statutory appointments**

The Governor-in-Council has approved of the following appointments:

- Peter Gordon Feather and Robert George Stone as Magistrates of the Local Court of NSW from 26 March 2012.
- Magistrate Gordon Bruce Lerve as an Acting Judge of the District Court of NSW from 20 February 2012 to 30 June 2012.

The Attorney General has approved of the following appointments:

- John Hunter Pickering and Mervyn Charles Grogan as Acting Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutors from 25 January 2012 to 24 January 2013.
- Mr Neil John Adams as an Acting Crown Prosecutor from 27 February 2012 to 26 February 2013.
- Sean Andrew Hughes, Peter John McGrath and John Victor Stanhope as Acting Crown Prosecutors from 25 January 2012 to 24 January 2013.

Media Updates

January 2012

- 25 Deputy DPP appointed District Court Judge (NSW Attorney General)
- 26 NSW lawyers receive Australia Day Honours (Law Society of NSW)
- 27 Certificates of No Impediment to marriage for same-sex couples (Federal Attorney General)
- 30 Back to school for juvenile offenders (NSW Attorney General)
- 30 Review of legal assistance services (Federal Attorney General)
- 31 NSW Coroners is number one (NSW Attorney General)

Save on supplies with OfficeMax®

Our new partner OfficeMax,® Australia's leading Office Solutions supplier, gives members an average of 40% discount off the standard catalogue price on selected office supplies, office furniture and technology products.



Law Society Dining Room

The Law Society Dining Room is offering a lunch special of two courses from the summer menu and a glass of wine for \$36. For reservations ph: 9926 0224 or [view the current menu](#).

February 2012

02 New Law Society President outlines his vision for 2012 (Law Society of NSW)

LEGAL & POLICY

Submissions - Law Society of NSW

> Consolidation of Commonwealth Anti-Discrimination Laws

Submissions - Law Council of Australia

> Exposure Draft - Refund of Excess Concessional Contributions

> Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements - Discussion Paper

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Law Society CPD

Seminars sponsored by legalsuper

February

09 The Personal Property Security Act – Advanced Session

24 Sole and Small Practitioners: Rule 42 Half Day Seminar

March

05 Rule 42 Half Day Seminar

Young Lawyers CLE

Seminars

February

08 Acting effectively for a client at a mediation

16 A strategic plan for your practice and your career

17 Annual One Day CLE Seminar – Intellectual Property & Technology Law

21 Recent developments in strata title and expert evidence

22 Private international law problems in succession

25 Annual One Day CLE Seminar – Criminal Law

29 Basic costs principles and solicitors' obligations

Location: Level 3, 170 Phillip St, Sydney. Contact 99260270 or email ylgeneral@lawsociety.com.au

College of Law

Seminars

February 2012

13 Property Taxes Update

15 Ethics on the Edge - Satisfies 42.1.6.1 - Ethics and Professional Responsibility (webconference)

Rule 42 and Reg 176 seminars

If you are unable to attend, online seminars are also available:

Rule 42.1.6.1 - Ethics for the Legal Profession (with Podcast)

Rule 42.1.6.2 - An Update on Legal Costs

Rule 42.1.6.3 - Professional Skills - Witness Preparation (with Podcast)

Legal Profession Regulation 2005 - Regulation 176 (with Webcast)

Full range of online seminars

Centre for Best Practice: Unrestricted Practising Certificate - Sole

Links to:



EVENTS

Law Society events



Wellbeing & Resilience Seminar Program

Dubbo - 17 February

Newcastle - 26 April

These one day seminars will help practitioners improve their mental health and wellbeing, form better decisions and more positive outcomes while managing the pressures of practice. [More information on these events.](#)

Regional law societies

New Listings:

- > Clarence River & Coffs Harbour Law Society: **Annual CLE Day**, AGM and Dinner, 2 Mar, Sebel Aqualuna, Coffs Harbour

Reminders:

- > Bankstown & Districts Law Society: **Reg'n 176 and Family Law CLE**, 7 Feb, 4:30pm, Breakfree Bankstown International Hotel
- > Far South Coast Law Society: **CLE Day, AGM and Dinner**, Sat 11 Feb, 9am, Merimbula
- > Eastern Suburbs Law Society: **Reg'n 176 Dinner Seminar**, 22 Feb, 6pm, Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club
- > Far North Coast Law Society: **Annual February CLE**, 24 & 25 Feb, Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff
- > North Metropolitan Law Society: **February Dinner Meeting: R42.1.6.2 Legal Costs**, 28 Feb, 6:30pm, Chatswood Golf Club

Diary dates:

- > Albury & Districts Law Society: **2012 Meeting Dates**

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

The legal community

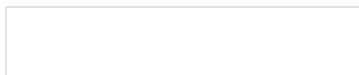
How many trust law regimes? Reform of Australian trust taxation. Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), 29 February 2012, Law Courts Building, 237 Macquarie Street, Sydney.

The CLA Regional Law Conference, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, 19 - 22 April 2012, Sydney. The Changing Role of the Legal Profession: Emerging Democracies & Globalisation. Early Bird rates to 8 February.

Also see the **Law Society website** for current events previously listed in Monday Briefs.

SERVICES & SUPPORT

Member Connexions February 2012 eNewsletter



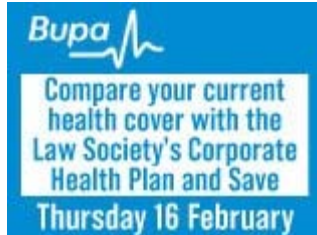
Get Fit with Fitness First

Take advantage of the ongoing **15% discount off standard membership**



rates as a Law Society member and join Fitness First today!

With over 45 clubs, 2500 group fitness classes per week and 900 personal trainers across NSW it's never been easier to get fit and lead a healthy lifestyle.



Save on health cover with Bupa

Bupa helps you get more from your health cover. To find out more, book a 20 minute appointment at our **exclusive BUPA event** on 16 February and receive a Double Movie Pass.*

Existing Bupa Members please email corporatecallback@bupa.com.au and a specialist will call you.

* Terms and conditions apply. The first 20 replies will receive a double movie pass valid until 30/06/2012. Appointments are for members of other health funds or without cover.



Law Society Counselling Services for solicitors

The Law Society provides confidential, free counselling services:

> The Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP) is available to any solicitor experiencing practice or personal issues. Call 1800 777 662 or visit www.lap.com.au.

> The Members Assistance Program (MAP) is a service for Law Society members and their families. Call 1300 360 364 or visit www.davcorp.com.au.

Quick links

[Young Lawyers](#)

[Seek Legal Jobs](#)

[Precedents](#)

[Member Connexions](#)

The Law Society of New South Wales
170 Phillip Street Sydney New South Wales 2000
Contact us : lawsociety@lawsociety.com.au
Visit Website : <http://www.lawsociety.com.au/>



Disclaimer: This email is sent as a service to members by the President of the Law Society of New South Wales (ACN 000 000 699) of 170 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Phone 9926 0333. Fax 9231 5809. Email monday.briefs@lawsociety.com.au.

To Opt out of future email correspondences please [click here](#).

 **OUR INTERACTIVE EMAIL PARTNER**