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## Welcome to 2008

The City of Sydney Law Society wish members and their families, other friends and supporters a successful year - a year for promoting the service of the law, the seeking of justice and the maintenance of legal independence

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## THE BEST VALUE SEMINARS

**- NO COST FOR MEMBERS -**

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## **FEBRUARY 2008**

**- SPECIAL -**

### **FROM THE INSIDE – THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF BLACK v. GARNOCK**

**KATRINA DAWSON** was one of the Counsel for the successful appellant in this landmark property decision of the High Court. How far does the decision go? Is it more than the timing of final searches and the lodgment of caveats? How did it happen? Doing property work, you must come to this seminar

**When: Wednesday 20 February 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Where: Law Society of NSW Meeting Rooms, 170 Phillip Street Sydney (NOTE MEETING VENUE)**

**Speaker: KATRINA DAWSON, Barrister**

Our speaker was in Court acting for the appellant. She provides a special insight into this important decision.

**DENIS BLUTH** of the Law Council of Australia, Property Law Committee will also be in attendance

Chair: Peter Rosier, CSLS Council Member. 1 MCLE point

**- IMPORTANT -**

### **FAQs ABOUT A.S.I.C COMPLIANCE AND BUSINESS FORMATION**

Compliance with A.S.I.C requirements and regulations are crucial to the continuing success of a business and can be easily overlooked leading to severe penalties. Numerous issues will be

covered, eg self-managed superannuation funds, director's duties, resident directors for foreign companies, fee waiver, on-line registration, de-registration and more.

Not sure what to do next? How to help small business clients? Your questions will be answered in this excellent power point presentation by **Corporate Express** business solutions

**When: Wednesday 27 February 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Where: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney** (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker: ROBERT ZITEK**, General Manager of Corporate Express for business solutions

Chair: Victor Berger, CSLS Immediate Past President. 1 MCLE point.

## - ESSENTIAL -

### **COSTS UPDATE**

Costs are key in every practice. Our annual check-up on the latest disclosure requirements, mandatory items, trust and other developments and recent cases is essential for practitioners. We are fortunate to have an acknowledged expert and senior assessor **GORDON SALIER** to update our knowledge and assist us to maintain our compliance with the regulations and rules

**When: Wednesday 5 March 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Where: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney** (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker: GORDON SALIER**, Senior Costs Assessor and practising Solicitor

Chair: Maurice May, CSLS Councillor 1 MCLE point.

## - OPPORTUNITIES -

### **OPPORTUNITIES IN TAXATION DISPUTES AND LITIGATION**

Taxation work should NOT be seen as the exclusive province of accountants and big legal firms. This is a neglected area of work for lawyers. What is the role of a lawyer when your client disputes a tax assessment or wants to appeal and why? Our speaker sees opportunities for lawyers

**When: Wednesday 12 March 2008**

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker:** **ADRIAN DIETHELM**, Barrister with a large taxation practice

Chair: Anthony Restuccia, CSLS President 1 MCLE point.

**- URGENT -**

## **CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE**

New and amending legislation has brought considerable changes in recent years in criminal work. Police powers have increased, Cronulla Riots, Terrorism, APEC, domestic violence, bail, rape consent, electronic surveillance, CCTV cameras, drivers licensing, police briefs, sentencing are some areas of change. We will review changes and consider the implications.

**When:** Wednesday 19 March 2008

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker:** **DAVID BERNIE**, Barrister. Very experienced criminal and human rights practitioner

Chair: Anthony Restuccia, CSLS President. 1 MCLE point.

**- KNOWLEDGE WORTH KNOWING -**

## **LAW WEEK BREAKFAST 2008 - "Adolescents, Alcohol and Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol"**

**When:** Monday 31 March 2008

**Time:** 7:30am

**Where:** Wesley Centre Lyceum, 220 Pitt Street Sydney

**Speaker:** **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GRAHAM STARMER**, Consultant Pharmacologist

There is growing community concern about the behaviour of adolescents, the overuse of alcohol and its dangerous consequences including drink driving which captures many thousands of citizens in random breath tests.

Professor Starmer provides a thorough analysis of the PCA charge and the hidden effects of alcohol.

**\* Important knowledge for Court and home**

## **SMALL FIRM PRACTICE FORUM – What Concerns You?**

**When:** Wednesday 2 April 2008

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:15pm

**Where:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**DAVID ROSS**, one of our regular and a very experienced solicitor is concerned about Strata Title development special conditions in contracts and will initiate a discussion on this subject. What is your experience?

**Do you have concerns about other matters? In law? In practice? In your office?**

Chair: Gerard Dupal, CSLS Councillor. 1.5 MCLE points.

**- SAVE TIME -**

## **TIPS FOR SOLICITORS ON THE UNIFORM CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES**

Our speaker Mark Southwick, a busy barrister, shares his experience on frequently overlooked aspects of U.C.P Rules

**When:** Wednesday 9 April 2008

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker:** **MARK SOUTHWICK**, Barrister. An experienced barrister specializing as a criminal practitioner

Chair: Ken Harkness, CSLS Secretary. 1 MCLE point

**- IMPORTANT -**

## **THE DUTY TO MAINTAIN STRATA COMMON PROPERTY**

Common property repairs often involves large sums and high emotions. Disputes are frequent. Advising clients requires a good knowledge of the extent of common property and the "anti-slum" provisions of the legislation.

**When:** Wednesday 23 April 2008

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street Sydney (between Park and Bathurst Streets)

**Speaker: MARCUS YOUNG**, Barrister of significant experience

Chair: Ken Harkness, CSLS Secretary. 1 MCLE point

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## OTHER SEMINARS TO NOTE

### Church Law Forum: TIPS AND TRAPS FOR CHURCHES WITH EMAIL AND OTHER

**When: Thursday 21 February 2008; 5:30pm**

**Where: Wesley Mission Centre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney** (Green Room Lvl C2)

**Speaker: JIM BAILLIE**, Special Counsel and **NIGEL SMITH**, Cutler Hughes & Harris

**Registrations:** Directly with Bryce Bridges Ph 9263 5472 Fax: 9264 4686

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### The Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society

**When: Friday 7 March 2008; 7pm for 7:30pm**

**Where: The Union, University & School Club, 25 Bent Street Sydney**

**Speaker: DAVID JACKSON, AM QC**

Cost \$95 per head.

Registration and enquiries: Malcolm Longstaff Tel 9988 3563

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I wish to attend the seminar(s)/events marked above.

I ATTACH A LIST OF NAMES OF ALL OTHERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ON THIS REGISTRATION FORM. Prices are inclusive of GST. A tax invoice/receipt will be sent to you.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

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Date of admission as Legal Practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Practising as: Solicitor  Barrister  Judicial officer

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The cost is \$250 (plus GST) to establish and \$100 (plus GST) per year after the first year. The service will include:

- Home page (in one of 3 standard templates)
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- About Us page Up to 2 pages – basic text and photos (not complicated)
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This charge would **NOT** include:

- Alternative templates Changes in template graphics or templates generally
- More than 2 extra pages Major or frequent changes
- Online forms Search function Other Links page

If you are interested, email our **Website Editor, Ken Harkness**, on [k.harkness@kmhc.com.au](mailto:k.harkness@kmhc.com.au)

or contact our President **Anthony Restuccia**, Tel **0419 698 753** or **9438 5143**

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# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Office Bearers and Council for 2008

The AGM on 5 December 2007 elected our Council. The Council at its first meeting in December elected the Office Bearers.

**President:** Anthony (Rusty) Restuccia

**Vice President:** John Newton

**Secretary:** Ken Harkness

**Treasurer:** Nea Goodman

Two new members have been elected to the Council – Colleen Donnelly and Sue Bowrey. We welcome you.

The other Councillors are Victor Berger, David Barker, Mahrukh Batliwalla, Stephen Bell, Victor Bizannes, Romano Di Donato, Gerard Dupal, Bryce Bridges, Wendy Fisher, Maurice May, Peter Rosier, Denis Mockler and Peter Kelso. Congratulations and thanks.

The Annual General Meeting was much enjoyed by members and visitors. We thank our guests Justice Greg James and Gary McGrath, Barrister, for their great contribution.

### 2007 – A Year of Service

Our Annual Report for 2007 revealed a successful year with new members applying monthly, with successful events, with a financial surplus and sponsorship support, especially from Corporate Express for company services and LawFund. Our website is up and operating with approval for mini-websites for members. We had regular

Newsletters with successful major events – a Law Week Breakfast, a CBD Reception and an Annual Dinner.

We held 23 top quality Seminar Talks and 7 informative Forums, we conducted a successful campaign to save and improve AustLii, we highlighted deceptive police “reforms” and actively supported the Tort Law Reform Campaign. We initiated our Constitutional Review and passed amendments including appointing Honorary Life Members. A new Executive Officer was appointed and the Secretariate relocated to the CBD.

Our membership of \$80 continues to include free Seminar Talks and Forums. We failed to have the NSW Law Society introduce Regional Law Societies into their policy-making process, but they agreed to post their Annual Report and finances on their website. (see our website for our detailed report).

### **Plans for 2008 - Tell Us More**

We want to maintain our best value membership with high quality Seminars, informative Forums, member services which are relevant and practical, adding new events, eg with MAA, to our impressive annual list. We will appoint honorary members. We shall enquire of the Law Society’s large income and expenses Committee structure and policy-making and pursue any other concerns you request, eg insurance, national harmonisation laws/regulations. We will continue to improve AustLii and hopefully offer ways to improve our practices as the changes predicted for 2008 occur. Enjoy your membership in 2008.

P.S. with other members, I attended the Opening of Law Term Church Service on 29 January 2008.

### **Our first major event – 31 March 2008 - Law Week Breakfast**

**The Law Week Breakfast** as usual, highlights Law Week. This year the topic is “**Adolsecents, Alcohol and Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol**” with the eminent Associate Professor Graham Starmer, Consultant Pharmacologist as our guest speaker.

Note the date: MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008 at 7:30am at Wesley Centre Lyceum 220 Pitt Street Sydney.

Book your place today.

### **Life memberships**

**If you know of any solicitors who have practised in the CBD for 30 years or more, contact me urgently.**

**Mini Websites** – see separate information. Enquiries to Ken Harkness, Website Editor or to myself.

**2008 Renewals – urgent** Some members have forgotten to renew their subscription for the current year. Would you please renew now, form attached. You have benefited from what we offered. Help ensure 2008 is as successful as 2007. Be with us.

Best wishes,

**ANTHONY RESTUCCIA**  
**President**

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### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

#### **Continuing Law ??**

Lawyers Weekly reported on 16 December 2007 that 32% of lawyers were looking for jobs outside of law and a further 26% said they would definitely not continue to work as their career progressed that is 58% are wanting to leave law. Over regulation – the cost of regular computer up grades, professional indemnity insurance, continuing

legal education (mandatory subjects) – all affect small and medium firms along with loss of traditional work – new ways to practice, e-court and e-conveyancing, e-mediation, high staff turn over and “working too hard” “not being made partner” “hate the law” the list is endless. With change comes opportunities for reflection, efficiency and new areas, but as always change comes with cost – computer upgrades, higher skilled staff, lower WIP (unless volume increases), increased specialisation.

### **Online Mediation Platform – Law Council of Australia: A future is here**

Expand professional skills to incorporate Online Dispute Resolution practices. Once registered use it for conference based mediation or wholly online mediation. It offers flexibility, access and participation no matter where located. Currently this service is a pilot program free for all users, with no registration or training charges required to participate. A basic per party case room fee is payable by legal representative when opening a case (administration cost). Legal representatives can choose to invite in a mediator with no previous online dispute resolution experience to conduct their dispute at no charge, or request a fully trained and accredited ODR mediation from the [www.TheMediationRoom.com](http://www.TheMediationRoom.com) (Australian ODR mediator panel – mediator fee applicable). (See at Law Council of Australia Home page)

### **Property Changes to Document Lodgement Procedures December 2007**

The Department of Lands announced as from 2 February 2008 limits will be placed on the number of documents that can be lodged through LIP's Titling and Registry Services Personal Lodgements Service. A maximum of 6 documents per lodgement applies and tickets will be issued at the reception desk.

There will also be restrictions on the types of documents that can lodge through the Personal Lodgements Service by regular customers who hold a Listed Lodging Party Number (LLPN). Only those documents that can be registered without further investigation will be accepted. LLP's are required to document through the Bulk Lodgements Service wherever possible. Regular customers who do not hold a document collection box and who pay lodgement fees of more than \$1,000/month are encouraged to establish customer accounts with LPI so that Bulk Lodgement Service can be utilised. This service offers time savings and entitlement to direct debit facilities for payment and centralised invoicing at their place of business. Customer account applications forms available at - [www.lands.nsw.gov.au/land\\_titles/general\\_forms](http://www.lands.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/general_forms).

### **Important Workers Compensation – Premium Changes**

From 30 June, 2008 only employers with annual wages of \$7,500+ will be required to have workers compensation insurance (except where an employer engages an apprentice). A worker of an employer that is not required to hold a WC policy will be covered for workers compensation and employers will have the same obligation as they do now to provide assistance with injury management and return to work. Currently all employers are required to hold a WC policy, including private householders with domestic assistance eg. nannies and employers who employ on a part time or intermittent basis. So about 2.5 million households in NSW will be covered. If the worker of an employer not required to hold a WC policy is injured the employer will be required to report the claim and pay a one off fee of \$175. (source: [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/WorkersCompensation/InsurancePolicies/workers...](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/WorkersCompensation/InsurancePolicies/workers...) (see at WCC changes to Workers Compensation Policy Requirements – FAQs)

## **New Cases of Interest**

### **Solicitor Liability for otherside costs unnecessarily incurred**

#### **Bell v Eldridge & Anor (No2) [2007] NSWSC 1443, Palmer J, Eq. 12.12.07**

Facts: straightforward factual case inflated beyond reasonable need on plaintiff's side – primarily responsibility of plaintiff's legal representations – so falls within CPA s.99(l)(b) that costs incurred improperly without reasonable cause for which legal practitioner responsible. – application for indemnity costs against legal practitioners – costs assessor's report required pursuant to CPA s.98(l)(b)

**Former solicitor failure to comply with subpoena to produce client's file – arrest warrant**

**JP Morgan Trust Aust Ltd v Kapetanovic [2007] NSWSC 1423, Harrison J 7.12.07**

Solicitor failed to comply with subpoena to produce documents. Harrison J issued warrant for arrest of solicitor. Solicitor attended Court apologised for inconvenience caused since service of the subpoena upon him. Satisfactory explanation – solicitor to pay incidental costs and costs re the subpoena.

**False cost agreement – make false instrument**

**R v Leon Nikolaidis [2007] NSWDC 246 (23.II.07) Knox SC DCJ**

Solicitor directed employee to prepare false document, false costs agreement – degree of planning, breach of trust. Sentenced to 2 years imprisonment (non parole period of 12 months from 23.II.07). An appeal was anticipated.

**Annual NSW Public Defenders – Criminal Law Conference**

15-16 March, 2008 at Taronga Zoo Conference Centre Cost \$350. See at [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/publicdefenders](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/publicdefenders)

**News from England:-**

**Solicitors Wearing Wigs !**

Changes to judicial court dress for solicitor from 1 October, 2007 and until then solicitors and other advocates allowed to wear wigs in circumstances where they are worn by members of the Bar from 2 January, 2008 and more ! a new judicial gown is being designed to wear in court (source: Law Society UK: Professional Update 20 December, 2007 or UK Judicial Communications Office: (News release 39/07 of 7.12.07)

**Mortgage Fraud – are you being targeted – UK**

On 12 December 2007 the Law Society of the United Kingdom noted the slow down in the UK property market exposed a rise in mortgage fraud by organised criminals and the potential vulnerability of professions to be exploited by organised crime syndicates. The Law Society identified a number of ways frauds are perpetrated and noted the guidelines in the Council of Mortgage Lenders Handbook (CML Handbook) and made recommendations as to how solicitors could protect themselves. (see at Law Society of England & Wales – Mortgage Fraud are you being targeted 12 December, 2007

Conferences and Council of Mortgage Lenders UK (handbook can be downloaded, also FAQs page) see also at click on Gatekeeper: Anti money laundering update 17.12.2007 (LS of UK) at [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk).

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**Downing Centre Local Court. Pro Bono Duty Solicitor Roster**  
Solicitors are invited to join the Roster and attend once a month.

Inquiries: Anthony Restuccia Tel 0419 698 753

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