



City of Sydney Law Society



A Regional Society of the Law Society of NSW

September-October 2008

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**ANTHONY RESTUCCIA**, PRESIDENT, AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY LAW SOCIETY with the co-operation of the **Hon JUSTICE R BLANCH, AM**, Chief Judge of the District Court of NSW and **His Honour GRAEME HENSON**, Chief Magistrate of NSW

invites

**District Court Judges, Magistrates  
Solicitors and Barristers**

to a

# Cocktail Celebration

on

Friday 17 October 2008, 5.15pm

at

The Downing Centre Courts, 143-147 Liverpool Street, Sydney

**REGISTRATION FORM INSIDE - Book early, limited places**

**-MORE GREAT NEWS INSIDE -**

**-Best Value Seminars -**

Cost Saving - Time Conscious - Always informative

FREE TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS

**SEMINARS**

## OUR COMING SEMINARS

- Wed 24 Sept 2008: **THE LATEST SUCCESSION ACT AMENDMENTS AND THE ABOLITION OF THE FAMILY PROVISIONS ACT**
- Wed 1 Oct FREE **CABENET DEMONSTRATION SEMINAR** by new Cabenet Accounting software
- Wed 8 October 2008: **'A PERSON'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE' HIGH COURT DECISION**
- Fri 17 Oct 2008: **COCKTAIL CELEBRATION** for District Court Judges, Magistrates, Solicitors and Barristers
- Wed 22 October 2008: **SMALL FIRMS PRACTICE FORUM – WHAT CONCERNS YOU?**

Seminars are Spot Talk Seminars; COMPLIMENTARY TO CSLS Members. They are held on Wednesdays at 5:30pm for an hour normally. Non-members are welcome but at a cost of \$25 if a Law Society Member and \$35 for non-members (unless otherwise specified). The Forum is free to all legal practitioners. **Refreshments provided and opportunity to meet like minded practitioners.**

## SEPTEMBER 2008

### - NECESSARY -

The very latest Succession Act Amendments and the Abolition of the Family Provisions Act

Our Speaker Robert Colquhoun is a very experienced barrister, very active in this important field of service. Including Appeal Proceedings.

**When: Wednesday 24 September 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 Colquhoun, Barrister**

Chair: Peter Kelso, Committee Member 1 MCLE point

### TEST IT

### **FREE DEMONSTRATION SEMINAR**

### **IS THE NEW CABENET - LEGAL ACCOUNT SYSTEM SOFTWARE - THE ANSWER?**

Cabenet is certified by the Law Society of NSW FOR Trust Accounting compliance.

This internet software is new, a breakthrough in legal office management, integrating comprehensive and efficient Trust accounting functionality with client relationship and and document management capabilities including providing backup.

**When: Wednesday 1 October 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

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

**Speaker:** Terry Gifford, Managing Director of Cabenet Services

Chair: Ken Harkness, Secretary CSLS 1 MCLE point

### **A HIGH COURT SPECIAL**

#### **'A PERSON'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE'**

The latest High Court decision on an occupier's rights against entry, including in cases of domestic violence

Our speaker will also discuss damages assessed under the Civil Liability Act for a cause of action pursuant to a Commonwealth Act.

Our speaker Peter Stenberg is a barrister with over 20 years experience in Common Law, particularly tort, negligence and statutory interpretations in Appeals

**When: Wednesday 8 October 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

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

**Speaker:** Peter Stenberg, Barrister

Chair: Anthony Restuccia, President CSLS 1 MCLE point

### **IMPORTANT**

#### **SMALL FIRMS PRACTICE FORUM - WHAT CONCERNS YOU?**

##### **Professional Standards**

We will consider as an issue of importance Professional Standards.

These meetings are proving a benefit to solicitors and our initiatives in the City of Sydney Law Society and Law Society. A guest speaker is being arranged.

#### **GOOD PRACTICAL MEETINGS - AT NO COST**

**When: Wednesday 22 October 2008**

**Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

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

Chair: Anthony Restuccia, President CSLS 1 MCLE point

### **INVITATION**

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**COCKTAIL CELEBRATION - Friday 17 Oct 2008**

- CSLS Members: \$30.00  
 Bar Association of NSW Members: \$30.00  
 Law Society of NSW Member only: \$35.00  
 Non Members: \$45.00  
 Judge, Judicial Officer: GUEST, complimentary attendance  
 Magistrate: GUEST, complimentary attendance

**RSVP: 15 Oct '08**

Dress: Loung Suit

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 Register early, places are limited.

## OTHER EVENTS TO NOTE

### LAW SOCIETY OF NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Law Society will hold its Annual General Meeting at 4.30pm on 23 October 2008 at the Law Society Building, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney. It will be followed by the Law Society Dinner at Luna Park, Milsons Point.

## SEMINARS

### REGISTER HERE

Send an email to Ann Parisi on [info@sydneycitylawyers.com.au](mailto:info@sydneycitylawyers.com.au) or print this page, complete the form and post or fax it to the below address.

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### REGISTRATION FORM - Book early

- The Succession Act Amendments - Wed 24 Sept 2008  
 CSLS Memb: Free; Law Soc Memb: \$25; Non-Memb:\$35
- Free Cabernet Software Demonstration- Wed 1 Oct 2008  
 CSLS Memb & Non-members: FREE
- "A Person's Home is his Castle" Latest High Court Decision - Wed 8 Oct 2008  
 CSLS Memb: Free; Law Soc Memb:\$25; Non Memb: \$35
- Small Firms Practice Forum - Wed 22 Oct 2008  
 CSLS Memb & Non-members: FREE
- NEW MEMBER.** I wish to take up immediate membership of CSLS and include my completed application form and the membership fee of \$85.00 (Group discounts available, contact us for details). My membership will be valid until 30 June 2009, when a renewal notice will be sent to all members.

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**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

add details below:

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Practicing  Non-practicing

Law Society of NSW member? Yes  No

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

Practicing as: Solicitor  Barrister  Judicial officer

Private address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ DX: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Individual Membership \$85**
- Group discount 10%** (applicable when 3 or more solicitors from the same firm join together)
- Newly admitted Solicitor (1-2 years) \$45**
- Newly admitted Solicitor (3-4 years) \$65**

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## Newsletter

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### President's Message

Our seminars have been outstanding this year.

Join us at our enjoyable Cocktail Celebration with the District Court Judges and Magistrates on **17 October 2008** at the Downing Centre, Local Court, Sydney.

I am pleased to report considerable progress on a Review of the importance of Regional Law Societies. The Law Society has responded to our (and others) proposals and the first draft Report has been completed and is available on the Monday Briefs this month. Consider it. More to be done.

Let us know your concerns. We are especially here to serve the sole practitioners and the Small Firms.

Join us at our seminars for refreshments, information and invaluable networking.

My apologies for the delayed Newsletter.

Seminars are all on our Website.

With every best wish,

**Anthony Restuccia,**  
**President**

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### ATTEND OUR FUNCTIONS

Send a letter to us  
Invite others to join

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