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# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008

## From the President...

Dear Members,

I often seem to begin this editorial with a comment about the weather, but it is lovely to see the seasons start to change – after a ten day break in Rarotonga I am pleased to see the days lengthening and the air temperature warming – it's always a sign that summer is just around the corner!

The AWLA has had two more successful events since our last newsletter. Judith Collins spoke at our mid year dinner which I unfortunately wasn't able to attend due to illness. We have had some fabulous feedback and I understand that Judith was very candid in her speech and impressively spoke without the use of notes. It was a great opportunity to receive the insights of a fellow practitioner who has been heavily involved in legal politics before using her skills in the world of national politics.

Our careers evening was also a huge success. While mostly aimed at students, the careers evening attracts a wider audience as we are all keen to hear from inspiring women within the profession and to learn about the different paths they have taken. This year we were very lucky to have two QCs, Deborah Hollings and Miriam Dean, speak, as well as Kate Lane, an AWLA executive member and partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts and Nin Tomas, lecturer at Auckland University. This was a diverse group and the attendees were entertained and inspired by all of them. Katrina Winsor gives a more detailed report of the evening below.

We are very much looking forward to our Judges' Function on September 19. We are very privileged to have five women

judges speak to us, and it is a fantastic opportunity to come and ask all those questions about their roles that you have always wanted to ask. This promises to be a very exciting evening! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judge Lisa Tremewan for all her help in putting this function together, with the help of exec member Ling Yip.

It is coming to that time of the year when we start thinking about the executive for next year. We will be looking for nominations in November. If you are keen to join the exec, but want to know what's involved, don't hesitate to contact me at [tammy.mcleod@davenportsharbour.co.nz](mailto:tammy.mcleod@davenportsharbour.co.nz). I have been on the exec for nearly five years now, and the experience has been fantastic. Don't be shy to put yourself forward for this rewarding position.

The AWLA has considered Clint Rickards' application to be admitted to the bar and have put together some submissions on this which you can read on page 6.

Last but not least, after our Judges' Function we have two more events before the end of the year – an investment breakfast on Wednesday 22 October (more details on this to come) and we are very excited about our end of year dinner on November 26 at which Margaret Wilson is our guest speaker. This will be an amazing evening, so mark your diaries now for these two events.

I look forward to seeing you at the Judges' Function on September 19.

*Tammy McLeod*  
**President**



**Save the date!**

## **AWLA INVESTMENT BREAKFAST**

**22 October 2008  
7:30am at Russell McVeagh**

Unsure about investing and finances? Want to know a bit more?  
Learn some practical tips and pitfalls from women in the investment industry.

**More details to follow – mark your diaries now.**

## RYLA 2008

*Katrina Winsor*

***“The Colonel in charge stood up in front of us and slowly ripped up the friendly timetable we had become reliant on – telling us that we were ‘On army time now and would follow army orders for the next 80 hours!’ ”***

The Rotary Clubs of Auckland hold a special 8 day camp once a year aimed at youth between the ages of 18 and 25. This camp is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp, and was held from the 4th–12th July this year with support from the NZ Army. The 120 awardees for 2008 faced some tough competition to secure a place and attend the camp. Awardees were required to show that they had the potential to become leaders of New Zealand, and demonstrate an all round ability to succeed in academics, sports, the community and cultural activities.

I was lucky enough to be awarded a place by the Newmarket Rotary Club, who will be the club responsible for sponsoring the event next year. I had absolutely no idea what the week would entail, and could only guess at what we might get up to based on the extensive gear list we were provided with – all of the usual camping gear as well as tramping boots, packs and sporting gear. I was fairly nervous as I have definitely never been a “sporty” person and have always been more comfortable in high heels than trainers! The main reason I decided to do the camp was because it would be an extreme challenge for me to step outside of my comfort zone and push myself physically.

Our first challenge came at 4am on the first morning (although our timetable clearly said that we didn’t need to be up until 7am!) when we were rudely woken by officers from the army who gave us 5 minutes to get changed and be downstairs for army training and exercises! I quickly realised that my arms are not made for push ups and that jumping jacks at 4am are not very pleasant at all! This became our pattern for the next few days with early morning training exercises and runs along Eastern Beach.

The first four days were spent listening to inspiring speakers from 9am to 9pm – on everything from motivation to goal setting to pushing the limits. It was draining sitting through so many back to back speakers, but each one was so amazing that no matter how tired we were it was impossible not to become enthused. One of our evening speakers was Justice Blackie who came and ran a mock case. We were all split into teams and became the “jurors” on a trial. The purpose of the exercise was to demonstrate the pressure that judges are under to

decide penalties, and to give us a chance to try weighing up mitigating and detrimental factors in a case. Another interesting activity was coming up with a business proposal or product to present at a “Dragons Den”. Sally Anderson was also an incredible motivational speaker, as was Alison Mooney who spoke about personality profiling and Josie Spillane from Cure Kids.

On our fourth evening at around 8:30pm we were all waiting patiently for our final speaker to come in and were a little tired and fidgety. Suddenly the lights in the hall went out and about 30 army officers came running in to surround us and order us down onto the floor! The Colonel in charge stood up in front of us and slowly ripped up the friendly timetable we had become reliant on – telling us that we were “On army time now and would follow army orders for the next 80 hours!” starting with “10 minutes to pack up our tramping gear to leave the Half Moon Bay camp!”

There was extreme panic as girls rushed around the dormitory trying to find gear, sleeping bags, thermals – everything! We were put into teams of ten which were to become our territorial teams for our “Island Experience”, as the next part of our camp began. We started walking down to the ferry to go to Rangitoto Island and Motutapu Island with no idea how long we would be gone for or what was in store for us!

Our teams were each lead by one or two officers from the army, who were there to make sure we made it through our adventure. We were told we would be tramping non-stop for 30 hours, except for one compulsory rest stop of 2 hours. Our task was to cover as many “stations” as possible over Rangitoto and Motutapu in the 30 hours and gain points for our team through problem solving, physical challenges and a lot of team work! I have to say I have never done so much non-stop walking in my life, let alone with a huge pack and camping gear on my back! The hardest challenge came around 2am when temperatures dropped to around 1 degree; a couple of people in our team began to need support but we all kept on going and made it through the night. It was the best feeling ever walking into the army barracks 30 hours after I had left, knowing that I had not only completed

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## Careers Evening

*Katrina Winsor*

The AWLA Careers Evening was held at the Auckland University Law School on 19 August this year and was a great success. Thank you to our four fantastic speakers – Deborah Hollings QC, Nin Tomas, Miriam Dean QC and Kate Lane. Thanks also to Minter Ellison Rudd Watts for sponsoring the event and providing catering for the evening. Finally, thank you to Farzana for the great job she did in helping me to organise the event.

Deborah Hollings QC spoke first about her experiences in getting to where she is today. Like many of us she arrived at law school without any judges or lawyers in her family to get advice from, and had to figure it all out for herself. It was inspiring to hear about the different opportunities she has had along the way. She has worked at Russell McVeagh, Meredith Connell, Butler White and Hanna, and as a Procurator Fiscal Depute in Glasgow. She recommended that students think carefully about where they want their lives to go and take the time to plan in children and family.

Our second speaker was Nin Tomas, a lecturer from the University of Auckland. Nin spoke extremely passionately about the law, Maori and indigenous rights and her research. She spoke extensively on acknowledging our female identities throughout our career paths, and on the importance of family and work balance.

Miriam Dean QC shared some of her experiences with us including the time she spent in Australia and how she became the first woman partner at Russell McVeagh but the focus of her speech was on studying overseas. She highly recommended postgraduate study at an overseas institution, and gave extremely good pointers to

anyone considering where to go after university. Both Deborah and Miriam acknowledged the importance of speaking to those who are in the industry and taking the time to research and ask questions before jumping into a position.

Kate Lane, a banking and finance partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, concluded our line up of speakers and gave a fantastic rundown of her life and career. She spoke extensively about her love of the law – although she had never intended to specialise in banking and finance as she does now, she admitted that she loves everything about the law and that it wouldn't matter what she was practicing as long as it involved law. Kate spoke a bit about her experiences working at Clifford Chance in London, and about the choices she had to make along the way.

It was great to have a chance after the speeches to chat to both the speakers and other members who were present. Many of the students who stayed for drinks and nibbles had specific questions that were based on comments made in the speeches. There was very good feedback about getting to follow up thoughts with the speakers afterwards, and the evening was such a success that we were forced to ask people to leave when the deadline for law school lock up approached!

It was great to see a wide variety of members turn up as well as students from the Law Faculty as the speakers touched on points that were relevant to women of all ages and were beneficial to everyone present. All in all it was an enjoyable and incredibly inspiring evening of speakers, and many of the tips provided will be of great help to other young women making their way into the legal industry.

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## RYLA 2008

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the challenge, but that I had formed friendships that will last a lifetime.

We travelled wearily back to Half Moon Bay on our penultimate day, and concluded the “Island Experience” with a formal dinner. I was asked to MC the evening and thoroughly enjoyed presenting the speakers to the many Rotary Club Presidents and members who turned up to support the awardees. On our final morning we were split into teams for

the final time for a community service experience at a low decile primary school, a rest home and a reserve.

The week was an amazing experience and really challenged each awardee on so many levels. It was a fantastic way to discover the ability and potential that we all hold inside of ourselves and it was extremely satisfying to find that I was just as capable in tramping boots as I am in high heels!

## THE NEW FACE OF THE BENCH: JUDGE ALLISON SINCLAIR



***"...life on the Bench has not really differed from her expectations. Life at the 'people's court' was not dull."***

In the first of our articles in what we intend to be a series on the most recent women practitioners appointed to the bench, we asked Judge Allison Sinclair about her background, her expectations and experience to date on the bench, how she managed to cope working in practice part time whilst raising her two children and who influenced and supported her in her career thus far.

Judge Allison Sinclair is the most recent female recruit to the bench at the Auckland District Court. Judge Sinclair was sworn in over the holiday period at the start of the year and, after the compulsory tour of honour, started sitting in the Auckland District Court. Judge Sinclair is a jury warranted Judge but her current focus is summary and civil work.

Judge Sinclair is a former partner of what is now Morrison Kent, where she specialised in commercial litigation, corporate and personal insolvency and insurance litigation. She is a trained mediator having completed the LEADR mediation workshop, the Harvard Law School Dispute Resolution Programme and CDR Associates Programme on Advanced Mediation.

Judge Sinclair also co-convened the ADLS Mediation Month initiative in 1998 and served as a member of the ADLS Courts Committee. Judge Sinclair was also Chairperson of the Real Estate Agents Licensing Board for 12 years until 30 June last year.

Judge Sinclair was also a foundation member of AWLA.

### **Why become a Judge? (Aside from the flattering black gown and intimidating judicial stamp)**

When Judge Sinclair was approached to consider an appointment to the Bench, she felt it was a timely change. She wished to both give something back to the community and also to take her career in another direction. The position of District Court Judge offered both these opportunities and was a logical career move. The role also brought with it fresh challenges and the chance to develop new skills.

### **The reality of the bench to date**

#### *The bad or not so good*

Judge Sinclair said that in general terms life on the Bench has not really differed from her expectations. Life at the

"people's court" was not dull. The work in both the civil and criminal jurisdictions was interesting and varied.

The position comes with the frustrations of a big organisation. A bad day in the office is one affected by procedural difficulties which stall the progress of cases, perhaps impacting upon the perception of justice being served.

She misses some of the interesting commercial litigation in which she was previously involved but not the time sheets or pressures of running a busy practice.

She has found the Bench to be very collegial but relationships with fellow practitioners take on a different perspective. Colleagues, with whom you have previously enjoyed a casual chat waiting for the Judge to arrive, are now appearing before you as counsel with the necessary formality that entails.

#### *The good side of the ledger*

A good day on the Bench is when matters run smoothly so that the Court can operate efficiently. In the summary jurisdiction, at the lower end of the criminal scale, there is also an ability to introduce rehabilitative measures for individuals where you feel you are giving back for the community in a positive fashion. Whilst the Court does not always see the results of the rehabilitative measures, Judge Sinclair acknowledges that the fact that an individual is not before the Courts again illustrates the success of the assistance and the benefit to the community as a result.

Judge Sinclair had not practised criminal law since the late 70s and early 80s so she has found that it has been a great learning curve. One she has relished.

### **Inspirational**

Judge Sinclair said that a lot of women practitioners have been supportive of her. She admitted to being fortunate to progress through the ranks with a group of women who have now gone on to the Bench or been appointed QCs. She said that in particular Miriam Dean QC and Anne Hinton QC have always encouraged her.

Judge Sinclair was also inspired by Dame Silvia Cartwright. As a law student, she had the opportunity to observe Dame Silvia when she was still in practice.

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### *Judge Allison Sinclair*

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She has followed her career over the years and been inspired by her impressive achievements.

#### **Aspirational**

If you are aspiring to the Bench, Judge Sinclair recommended following Anne Hinton QC’s advice in a recent AWLA lecture; raise your profile and do different things in the law to widen your skill base and visibility. Judge Sinclair would certainly recommend serving on a tribunal or statutory board. There are many other options available to practitioners, particularly serving on a committee of ADLS is one which would also assist in raising your profile.

#### **The elusive work / life balance we all strive for**

As mentioned in the introduction above, Judge Sinclair worked part-time when her children were young. In a normal week, she would work 3 to 3 1/2 days. The Judge describes that period of her life as a constant compromise and juggle and readily acknowledged the help and encouragement of her husband and family. She was fortunate to work in a firm which was supportive of her wish to work part time (which was not a common practice in the late 1980’s).

Judge Sinclair described working part-time over that period of her life as being a good opportunity to “keep her hand in”. Following the stock market crash the commercial litigation (involving multi company receiverships and liquidations and large professional liability claims) was particularly exciting and made up for some of the more stressful times of

juggling the demands of young children and practice.

#### **Personal and time out**

Judge Sinclair hopes that eventually the role will allow her more personal time to pursue her interests. Until recently her personal time was consumed by family. Judge Sinclair said that it is her and her husband’s first year at home minus the children. Both of their children are now at University. Her son is at Christchurch studying engineering and her daughter is at Otago studying towards an LLB/BA.

Whilst keeping in close contact with her children, including holidaying with her daughter recently on a girls’ trip, Judge Sinclair has had time to enjoy the theatre and Operas. She has recently seen several plays, La Boheme and the Threepenny Opera.

#### **An author’s note**

Judge Sinclair was very approachable and a delight to speak to. For a part-time working mother like me, it was particularly inspirational and rewarding to speak to a woman who has experienced the same challenges, understands the demands and is interested in the experiences of others dealing with those issues. It is always reassuring to be reminded that members of the judiciary appreciate the stresses and pressures we all face as practitioners.

Judge Sinclair was also very generous with her time and willingness to participate with the interview, despite being the “guinea pig” for our interviews with new Judges. The AWLA and I are very grateful for those attributes.

*Rachael Reed*

## **MENTORS NEEDED**

A common issue faced by both experienced women lawyers and those who have recently been admitted to the bar is the lack of contact with senior female practitioners who can provide career guidance and mentoring. In order to assist our members with this issue, the AWLA operates a mentoring programme which links up experienced lawyers with less experienced lawyers, including new graduates and law students. Once established, the mentor-mentee relationship can be structured to accommodate the parties’ specific needs. While some pairs have formal career development plans in place, others simply meet for an informal discussion over coffee. For a mentee, the benefits of having a mentor are invaluable. Mentors provide advice, guidance, help instil confidence and often link their mentee to a network of contacts that will be useful throughout their career. Mentoring also has potential benefits for mentors who have the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills and give something back to the profession. The AWLA is currently looking for law mentors with a minimum of 3 years post-admission experience.

If you are interested in joining the mentoring programme, or if you would like to receive some general information containing practical guidelines for developing a mentoring relationship, please contact [awla@xtra.co.nz](mailto:awla@xtra.co.nz)



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The Auckland Women Lawyers' Association was established to represent the interests of women in all aspects of the profession. We have approximately 300 members at present. We write on behalf of our members to comment on ADLS's consideration of Clinton John Tukotahi RICKARDS' application for admission to the Roll of Barristers and Solicitors.

The general public is aware that Mr Rickards stood trial and was acquitted of charges of a sexual nature at two separate trials in recent times. There was significant publicity in relation to those trials, and in relation to Mr Rickards' employment status after the conclusion of the trials. The Association notes that he also made several comments to the media after the trials regarding the Police and the justice system.

The Association is concerned that there were allegations in the nature of an abuse of Mr Rickards' position in the Police in relation to some of the offences charged. The admission to the Roll of Barristers and Solicitors carries with it an elevation to a position of trust. It is the cornerstone of the profession that a Barrister or Solicitor must never abuse the position of trust conferred on them (rule 5.7 of the Lawyers: Conduct and Client Care Rules 2008). The public's perception of barristers and solicitors and the trust they place in us is contingent upon the high standards set by District Law Societies in declining the admission to the Roll of those with unsuitable character, and of course disciplining those who stray from the standards set.

The Association trusts that the Auckland District Law Society will seriously investigate and give due weight to any abuse of a position of trust, particularly any that involves any exploitation of vulnerable members of society. The Association also trusts that the ADLS will place due weight on the public's perception of the standards set for barristers and solicitors. The Association would be concerned if Mr Rickard's admission adversely affected the public's perception of the integrity of barristers and solicitors.

Yours faithfully  
**Auckland Women's Lawyers Association**

**Tammy McLeod**  
President

***“The Judge said he threw out the case not through lack of evidence, but because the employer had acted gallantly, rather than criminally.”***

## **Sexual harassment okay as it ensures humans breed, Russian judge rules**

**A Russian advertising executive who sued her boss for sexual harassment lost her case after a judge ruled that employers were obliged to make passes at female staff to ensure the survival of the human race.**

*By Adrian Blomfield in Moscow*

The unnamed executive, a 22-year-old from St Petersburg, had been hoping to become only the third woman in Russia's history to bring a successful sexual harassment action against a male employer.

She alleged she had been locked out of her office after she refused to have intimate relations with her 47-year-old boss.

“He always demanded that female workers signalled to him with their eyes that they desperately wanted to be laid on the boardroom table as soon as he gave the word,” she earlier told the court. “I didn't realise at first that he wasn't speaking metaphorically.”

The judge said he threw out the case not through lack of evidence but because the employer had acted gallantly rather than criminally.

“If we had no sexual harassment we would have no children,” the judge ruled.

Since Soviet times, sexual harassment in Russia has become an accepted part of life in the office, work place and university lecture room.

According to a recent survey, 100 per cent of female professionals said they had been subjected to sexual harassment by their bosses, 32 per cent said they had had intercourse with them at least once and another seven per cent claimed to have been raped.

Eighty per cent of those who participated in the survey said they did not believe it possible to win promotion without engaging in sexual relations with their male superiors.

Women also report that it is common to be browbeaten into sex during job interviews, while female students regularly complain that university professors trade high marks for sexual favours.

Only two women have won sexual harassment cases since the collapse of the Soviet Union, one in 1993 and the other in 1997.

Human rights activists say that Russian women remain second-class citizens and are subjected to some of the highest levels of domestic abuse in the world.



## **AWLA Evening with a Panel of Women Judges**

**19 September 2008**

***Have you ever thought what it is like to be a Judge, especially a female Judge balancing family and work? Then come along to our upcoming Judges Function!***

AWLA is delighted to bring you an evening where you can hear a panel of women Judges speaking candidly about their experiences on the bench and 'aiming for the top'.

Our impressive panel consists of a range of District Court and High Court Judges who will speak about what it is like to preside in a Court day in and day out.

Our Judges come from diverse backgrounds and have had a variety of experiences in their careers as lawyers and now as Judges.

The richness and diversity they bring is sure to inspire.

The function promises to be a great evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP with payment on the attached Judges Function flyer and see you at Pioneer Womens Hall on Friday 19 September 2008.



Auckland Women Lawyers' Association

## EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A MENTOR FOR THE AWLA MENTORING PROGRAMME?

### WE NEED YOU!

The AWLA Mentoring Programme now urgently requires more practitioners with five or more years' experience to join our programme and mentor less experienced women lawyers.

- **Flexibility:** The AWLA scheme is flexible, and can develop in a way that suits our members. Some people will want regular meetings to discuss career development. Some will just want a sounding board at the end of a telephone to discuss specific problems. You can organise it however you like. We offer guidelines but have no rules.
- **Voluntary:** The scheme is voluntary for all participants – mentors and mentees.
- **Mentors:** Generally mentors will be women practitioners with more than five years' experience. We welcome mentors from the whole range of careers within our membership: private practice, public sector, corporate sector etc.
- **Same Sector:** We will try to link each mentee up with a mentor who works in the same sector. So for example, a mentee who is practicing mainly in matrimonial law might be linked to a barrister who has a matrimonial practice. A new graduate who has a job in the corporate sector could be linked to a senior in-house solicitor. A newly qualified practitioner who hopes to specialise in the tax area might be linked to a tax practitioner. We will try to cater to individual wishes as far as possible (depending on the availability of suitable mentors).
- **Purpose:** The purpose of the mentoring relationship is to maximise the mentee's development. The aim of the relationship is to empower the mentee. Mentors should encourage mentees to overcome difficulties and discover solutions to problems themselves.
- **No fault way out:** If the relationship doesn't work, either party can take advantage of a no fault way out.
- **Confidentiality:** Information exchanged between mentors and mentees must be treated in confidence unless permission is given. Additionally, the fact that the relationship exists may be confidential in itself, if the participants wish it to be.
- **Duration:** The duration of the relationship will be agreed between you. Either party can terminate the relationship at any time. Mentees may choose a new mentor through AWLA at this time, and mentors may make themselves available for a different mentee.

**Become a Mentor and give something back to the profession  
– it is sure to be a rewarding experience for both of you!**

If you would like to join  
please email [awla@xtra.co.nz](mailto:awla@xtra.co.nz) to request an application form.

## BOOK REVIEW

## THE OTHER QUEEN

by Philippa Gregory

***“Mary is presented as an unscrupulous young woman... and as a character, I disliked her immensely.”***

I chose my latest read, *“The Other Queen”* by Philippa Gregory for two reasons, firstly because I have always been interested in history and secondly, because our book club at work had read other Philippa Gregory books and was interested to try this one.

The book tells the story of Mary Queen of Scots imprisonment in England from 1568 until her well known demise in February 1587. The story is told through the eyes of three characters: Mary Queen of Scots, George Talbot (the Earl of Shrewsbury) and, his dominant wife, Bess of Hardwick.

Bess and George (a newly wedded couple) have been given the task from Queen Elizabeth I of looking after Mary, while investigations are carried out against her. The story is as much a tale about George and Bess' life as it is about Mary's. We learn that Bess was born into a family of little wealth but through numerous marriages to well to do men, has increased both her reputation and her wealth. Indeed, through learning about business from her second husband, William Cavendish, she has amassed a number of estates which are returning solid profits. George on the other hand, is not a businessman and was born into both wealth and title. Bess' marriage to him, following the death of William, has (in her mind) secured both her and her children's future wealth and success.

Originally, George and Bess are of the view that housing Mary is a great honour and that they should not spare any expense in treating her and her entire royal court to the luxuries that they are accustomed to. Soon, however, it becomes clear that Mary's situation is not as temporary as everyone had hoped and George and Bess' wealth suffers substantially as a result. As the investigation against Mary continues, everybody comes under suspicion, including George who has fallen for Mary's charms and who is prepared to cater to her every whim.

Mary is presented as an unscrupulous young woman who will do and say anything to protect her reputation and her honour – and, as a character, I disliked her immensely.

In terms of enjoying the book, I found that while it gripped me (in the sense that I could imagine the people, clothes and atmosphere of the time) the story telling was a bit drawn out and I was getting to the stage where I wanted Mary to get her comeuppance sooner rather than later!

In any event, I do like Philippa Gregory's work and after speaking with others, I am told that *“The Other Queen”* is not her best work. As such, I have started reading *“The Virgin Lover”* and I'll let you know how this goes!

Ruth O'Brien



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Auckland Women Lawyers' Association**

# Christmas Dinner

***With guest speaker – Hon Margaret Wilson***

at

**The Northern Club**

**Wednesday 26 November 2008 from 7pm**

Plans are well underway for the AWLA End of Year Dinner so mark your diaries now!

The date is Wednesday 26 November and we are lucky enough to have secured retiring Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon Margaret Wilson as our speaker.

*Ms Wilson will also be conferring the Margaret Wilson Scholarship on this year's winner.*

**Tickets On Sale Soon**





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**AWLA warmly invites you to  
An Evening with a Panel of Women Judges**

Come and hear our impressive panel of Women Judges  
speak about their experiences of being a Judge and "aiming for the top".

The panel consists of range of Judges from diverse backgrounds both personally and professionally.

Our Guest Speakers include:

**Justice Helen Winkelmann • Judge Denise Clark • Judge Jan Doogue  
Judge Anne Kiernan • Judge Ida Malosi**

**With Judge Lisa Tremewan chairing our panel**  
*(Panel may be subject to change due to availability)*

You will be inspired by their experiences and what they have to share.

**Date: Friday 19 September 2008**

**Venue: Pioneer Women's / Ellen Melville Hall  
Corner High St & Freyberg Pl, Auckland City**  
*(Opposite Auckland District Law Society & Chancery Quarters)*

**Time: 6:15pm for 7.00pm start**

**Cost: \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non members, \$10 students**

**Please RSVP by Thursday 18 September 2008**

*(Drinks and Nibbles provided)*

Please complete the RSVP form attached and enclose your payment.

**AWLA Judges Function: Friday 19 September 2008**

RSVP by: Thursday 18 September 2008

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address (if receipt required): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non members, \$10 students )

Tick here if you require a receipt to be posted (and please include your postal address above)

**Cheques should be made payable to "AWLA"  
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<b>Scholarship &amp; Writing Prize:</b>	Ruth O'Brien & Ling Yip
<b>Student Representative:</b>	Farzana