

Senior Counsel for 1993

On 22 November the President, John Coombs QC, has announced the appointment of the following persons as Senior Counsel, effective 1 December 1993.

1. Richard Ross TRACEY (Victoria)
2. Peter Richard DUTNEY (Queensland)
3. John Victor KAUFMAN (Victoria)
4. Margaret Anne WILSON (Queensland)
5. Henry JOLSON (Victoria)
6. Anthony John MORRIS (Queensland)
7. Hugh Barron FRASER (Queensland)
8. Thomas Andrew GRAY (South Australia)
9. Shane Edward HERBERT (Queensland)
10. Ross Campbell MACAW (Victoria)
11. Richard John STANLEY (Victoria)
12. Michael John SWEENEY
13. Geoffrey Alan FLICK
14. Andrew Stewart MORRISON
15. Jeffrey Steven HILTON
16. Clive STEIRN
17. John Charles KELLY
18. Peter William TAYLOR
19. Bret William WALKER
20. John Neil GALLAGHER
21. Steven David RARES

Failure of Counsel to Make Proper Arrangements to Attend at Court

Recently the Bar Council dealt with a matter which involved the failure of counsel to attend at Court or to make proper arrangements with his opponent to adjourn the matter.

In this case, counsel found that he was running late on the morning the motion was listed for hearing, he having other commitments elsewhere. The counsel requested his secretary to inquire who had carriage of the matter on the other side so that he could ask for indulgence. The secretary was unable to ascertain that information and at the barrister's request contacted the Judge's Associate to ask that the matter be held in the list for 45 minutes. It is not known whether that message reached his Honour.

When counsel arrived in court the matter had been disposed of.

The Bar Council was of the view that it was imprudent of the counsel merely to rely upon a telephonic communication between third parties as it was likely that some form of failure of communication could result. The Council was further of the view that in any event it would not be sufficient to rely upon a trial judge, even if that judge had received the message, to act upon it.

In this particular case, as the barrister's client did not seek an order for compensation the Council took the view that the matter was deserving of reprimand.

Members are reminded that it is essential to ensure that proper arrangements are put in place in such circumstances as arise above. □

Election of Members of the Bar Council for the Year 1994

The following have been elected as members of the Council for the New South Wales Bar Association for the year 1994.

INNER BAR

Tobias QC	Donovan QC
Burbidge QC	Bellanto QC
Bennett QC	Poulos QC
Barker QC	
Hely QC	
Adams QC	

OUTER BAR

- (a) Three members of less than five years standing-Loukas Needham Gleeson
- (b) Members of any length of standing

Hoeben	Toner
Harrison	Street
Walker	Bergin
Katzmann	Gormly
McColl	

On 25 November 1993 the Council elected the following Office Bearers.

President: M H Tobias QC
Senior Vice President: D M J Bennett QC
Junior Vice President: P G Hely QC
Honorary Treasurer: R J Burbidge QC
Honorary Secretary: R S McColl

1993 Silks Gift to the Bar Association

It is usual for Silks to give the Bar Association a gift upon their appointment.

The Silks appointed in 1991 and 1992 donated two pulse oximeters to the Royal Children's Hospital, Camperdown on behalf of the Bar Association as their gift.

The Association is extremely grateful. □

Many Happy Returns

T E F Hughes QC AO turned 70 on 26 November 1993. He has had a new bar jacket made. □