

CRIMINAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Dear Participant,

Tonight you attended an important and historic occasion - the formation of the Criminal Law Association of the Northern Territory. We take this opportunity to thank you for your initial support and to invite you to become a member of the Association.

In its formation, the Association has already received the recognition and support of all relevant State and Territory bodies. Copies of some letters and telexes of support are enclosed with this letter. Not only do they signify the importance of the occasion, but also the importance of Northern Territory criminal lawyers in the development of a National Association.

The criminal law is the most important and probably the most exacting area of practice in the law in Australia. It is appropriate therefore that those who work in the criminal law have their skills developed and maintained, their perspective sharpened and their horizons broadened. So much is essential in developing a vigorous and competent profession capable of discharging the onerous responsibilities reposed in it by the community it serves.

The Association, at a Territory level, will commit itself to conducting seminars, debates, workshops and social functions geared towards developing members' skills, promoting discussion and debate on current issues in the criminal law. It is hoped that the Association will act as a reservoir of talent for Government and others to draw upon and to assist in developing a principled and balanced criminal justice system for Northern Territory citizens.

The Association will also participate at a National level in the Australian Criminal Law Association, thereby obtaining the benefit of experience, fresh ideas, different opinions and approaches from other States and the Australian Capital Territories.

And if this all sounds too serious for words, let it be said now that the activities of the Association will be conducted in as congenial and stimulating an atmosphere as is reasonably possible.

The next occasion to be organised will be a wine bottling afternoon!

Here is the rub - like any Association, the Criminal Law Association of the Northern Territory will only be as good as the combined enthusiasm and energy of its members. We urge you to become a member and become involved - don't let your initial curiosity and enthusiasm fade away. Break the isolation of your everyday practice and join the Territory constituent body of the Australian Criminal Law Association.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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