

Notice of results of the Council election 2009

(Pursuant to Rule 42 of the Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007)
I, Bernard Brendan O'Donnell, Secretary of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated, hereby advise that the results of the election for President, Deputy President, Vice-President and Ordinary Members of the Council of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated held on 7 October 2009 and effective as from 1 January 2010 are as follows:

President Peter Charles Eardley
Deputy President Bruce John Doyle
Vice-President Raoul Mario Giudés
Ordinary Members of Council
 Donald Alexander Armit
 Annette Therese Bradfield
 Ian James Brown
 Genevieve Helena Louisa Dee
 Michael William Fitzgerald
 Lynette Ann Galvin
 Rowena Catherine McNally
 Joanne Parisi.

Dated this 7th day of October 2009,
Bernard Brendan O'Donnell,
Secretary/Returning Officer.

Success on searches for GCDLA

The Gold Coast District Law Association has been active in overcoming some difficulties with Gold Coast City Council searches.

DLA president Ross Lee and committee member Glenys Owen met with two key staff at the council to discuss the difficulties solicitors and staff may experience when council searches are required, especially when faced with the tight deadlines of conveyancing settlements.

Solutions

As a result of the discussions, the council has investigated complaints into delays in processing search requests and identified a number of solutions, including stapling the cheque to the search request form rather than the cover letter so that it will immediately be forwarded to the search team, or, better still, setting up a sundry debtor account to expedite the search request.

The solutions will now be included on the rates search form under the heading 'tips for expediting search requests'.

The council has also investigated specific complaints about potential for mis-information/misunderstanding of the information provided by council officers and proposed the de-

velopment of a 'Glossary of Council terms' to be included on the rates search form.

As well as the tips and glossary additions to the form, new wording will clarify that the settlement date supplied by the client is the date used to calculate an 'Amount Outstanding'.

The council has also developed a template search information request which clients will email to GCCC.

The changes are being finalised and the amended forms should soon be available for use.

The GCDLA has congratulated the Gold Coast City Council for working co-operatively with the association to resolve these practical issues to the benefit of all those practitioners who request council searches. ■

Queensland Law Society

81st Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Law Society will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 6pm. Unless members are subsequently advised otherwise, the venue for the meeting will be room 6.01 at Law Society House, 179 Ann Street, Brisbane.

Technology breakthrough captures billable time on mobiles

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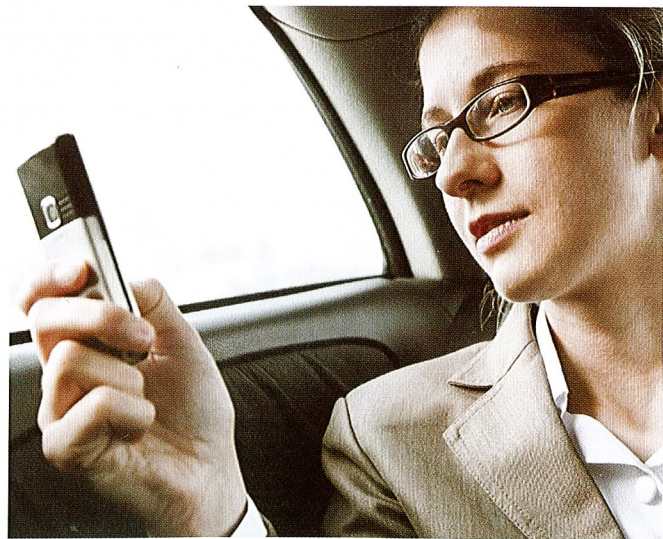
This would result in a total

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Matt Parry

CEO softlog.mobile

of \$262,656 a year for the firm, a significant amount of revenue, which without the tracking of mobile phone calls would not have been billed.



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