



The Law
Society
OF TASMANIA

Media Release

28 Murray Street,
Hobart TAS 7030
GPO Box 1133,
HOBART 7001

Telephone: (03) 6234 4133
Facsimile: (03) 6223 8240

info@taslawsociety.asn.au
www.taslawsociety.asn.au

New President

Hobart Lawyer Neil Readett was elected President of the Law Society of Tasmania for a term of one year at the recent meeting of the Law Society's Council. He is a past President of the Medico-Legal Society of Tasmania and a previous Vice President of the Law Society.

Mr Readett, a partner of Hobart firm Clerk Walker Lawyers, graduated from the University of Tasmania with combined degrees in Economics and Law. He joined the firm in 1983 and has been a partner since 1990.

Whilst Mr Readett practises mainly in litigation, advising on matters including professional negligence and indemnity, personal injury and estate litigation, securities enforcement and general commercial litigation, he also conducts a commercial practice.

During his term as President, Mr Readett sees the greatest challenge as being the implementation of the new *Legal Profession Bill* – the legislation based on a national model and under which all lawyers will be regulated.

Whilst vastly more complex than the existing legislation, the new *Bill* will achieve the aim, long sought by the Society, of passing the tasks of investigating complaints about lawyers and conducting disciplinary proceedings to an independent body; functions currently imposed on the Society.

The changes will leave the Society better placed as the advocate for legal practitioners generally and to provide important services such as continuing legal education and professional development opportunities.

Mr Readett is available to provide comment on matters affecting the legal profession and the Law Society. The Society has also arranged the following additional spokespeople with specific areas of expertise:-

Neil Readett	-	General – 6224 1888
Phillip Kimber	-	Property law – 6222 9444
Kim Baumeler	-	Criminal law (South) – 6222 9444
Michael Brett	-	Criminal law (North) – 6333 0144
Daniel Zeeman	-	Family violence – 6222 9444
Leanne Topfer	-	Workers' compensation – 6430 1555
Philip Jackson	-	Workers' compensation – 6224 9888

Ends
Martyn Hagan
0418 331 189