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## **Local lawyer joins Council**

Cairns-based Lawyer Joanne Parisi, of MacDonnells Law, was elected to the General Council of the Queensland Law Society last week.

Chosen from a number of very high-profile Lawyers across the State, Ms Parisi was formally elected onto the General Council for the coming year.

“The candidates for Council positions were all very deserving and it is quite humbling to be elected by your colleagues state-wide to represent their professional interests,” said Ms Parisi on the announcement.

“I anticipate the position will require hard work to meet the challenges which lie ahead of the legal profession in the next two years, but I look forward to taking on the role with much enthusiasm and energy,” she said.

Ms Parisi is an Associate with MacDonnells Law, a state-wide law firm with offices in Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane. Based in the Cairns office, Ms Parisi mainly practises in general commercial litigation with a focus on major commercial disputes, insolvency, building and construction law, leasing and contract disputes.

Mark Peters, Partner of MacDonnells Law said, “This will no doubt be the start of a stellar career in the QLS and I am confident that, over time, Jo will go right to the top of the QLS.”

Ms Parisi is well-known in Cairns legal circles as the President of the Far North Queensland Law Association, which she has held for two years, and has been on the Management Committee of the Cairns Community Legal Centre for the past four years, where she currently holds the position of President.

“A significant contributor to the Cairns community, Ms Parisi is a wonderful ambassador for the profession and MacDonnells Law is very proud of her,” said Mr Peters.

Ms Parisi’s appointment begins on 1 January 2010.

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