



# Darren Moore

By Michal Horvath

**D**arren is a quiet achiever. He doesn't talk about himself and the things he does. He's the guy that we all see but don't really know. Well, it's my job to change that.

If I let Darren tell you about himself, he would probably say that he has been admitted since 1992 and, apart from a brief period of confusion when he worked for a defendant firm (which will remain nameless), he has waved the flag for the injured.

He has worked with a number of prominent Queensland plaintiff lawyer firms, including Carew Lawyers, Carter Capner and Shine Roche McGowan, and has been a partner at Carew Lawyers for the last two years.

He likes to travel with his wife, Natasha, a high school drama teacher, and their two children, Madeleine and Alastair.

He's been the Queensland APLA secretary and the CLE Chair for the last five years, and for over four years now he has also been co-convenor of our national conference.

Those are the things that he would say.

Now to the things that should be said. Bear in mind that I am under strict instructions not to embarrass him. You see what I mean about the modesty.

Here goes. At the risk of upsetting the rest of the Australian legal community, I say that Darren is – bar none – the hardest-working member of APLA while not once asking for, or giving the slightest hint of, the need for recognition or acknowledgment for his efforts.

When people do a favour, they usually receive a reciprocal benefit. When Darren does a favour, it is just that, a magnanimous gesture.

Committees function because of the work done behind the scenes. If you flip the lid on the Queensland Committee, in the engine room you find Darren up to his neck in grease. He is the oil that makes the machine run.

This year, Darren thought it was time to give someone else a go, and so he stood down as Branch Secretary. Having recently taken over as Secretary, I am already working on dissuading him from that notion. At worst, I have a calendar on my desk and count down the days to the next election when I will be the first to nominate Darren to come back into the position again. Oh, hang on, that was a secret. Just ignore that, Darren.

I could carry on but it is a bit like a reference you never read a bad one. And this is not a reference. It's but a small token of the Queensland Committee's appreciation for the hours that can't be counted and the work we will never know about.

I cannot change Darren from the man he is and would not want to. What I can do is make sure that other people know about the things that he's done and will undoubtedly continue to do.

On behalf of APLA, thank you Darren and don't worry, we won't let you get too far away!

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